

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 50

BY SENATOR JACKSON-ANDREWS

A RESOLUTION

To commend the efforts of The Links, Incorporated and to designate Wednesday, May 1, 2024, as Louisiana Links Day at the state capitol.

WHEREAS, The Links, Incorporated is an international organization of women of color dedicated to improving the quality of life for humankind; and

WHEREAS, the worldwide organization consists of nearly seventeen thousand members in two hundred ninety-nine chapters in forty-one states, the District of Columbia, and the Commonwealth of the Bahamas; and

WHEREAS, there are eight Links chapters in the state of Louisiana, namely the Alexandria, Baton Rouge, Crescent City, LaCapitale, Monroe-Grambling, New Orleans, Pontchartrain, and Shreveport chapters; and

WHEREAS, The Links, Incorporated was founded in 1946 by Margaret Hawkins and Sarah Scott in hopes of promoting civic, educational, and cultural concerns through the creation of their service organization; and

WHEREAS, the members of The Links, Incorporated are influential decision makers and opinion leaders; and

WHEREAS, The Links, Incorporated has attracted many distinguished women who are individual achievers and who have made a difference in their communities and in the world; and

WHEREAS, the members of The Links, Incorporated are business and civic leaders, role models, mentors, activists, and volunteers who work toward a common vision by engaging like-minded organizations and individuals as partners; and

WHEREAS, the outstanding programming of The Links, Incorporated has five facets which are National Trends and Services, the Arts, Services to Youth, International Trends and Services, and Health and Human Services; and

WHEREAS, the programs are implemented through strategies such as public information and education, economic development, and public policy campaigns; and

WHEREAS, the mission of The Links, Incorporated has been to discern a need and to fulfill it, which The Links has done by donating money and time to charitable efforts, including one million dollars to the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and two million dollars to the United Negro College Fund; and

WHEREAS, its members contribute more than five hundred thousand documented hours of community service annually, strengthening their communities and enhancing the nation; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana Links Day at the state capitol is a project of the southern area of The Links, Incorporated which includes chapters in the states of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, and South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the first Louisiana Links Day at the state capitol occurred on May 19, 2005; and

WHEREAS, The Links, Incorporated merits a special measure of commendation as they visit the Louisiana State Capitol on Wednesday, May 1, 2024, for Louisiana Links Day.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the efforts of The Links, Incorporated and does hereby designate Wednesday, May 1, 2024, as Louisiana Links Day at the state capitol.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Vanessa Falls, Southern Area Director of The Links, Incorporated.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE