

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

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

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

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

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

16 WHEREAS, the first Louisiana Links Day at the Louisiana State Capitol occurred
17 on May 19, 2005; and

18 WHEREAS, the members of The Links, Incorporated came to the legislature in 2005
19 to inform their legislators that they supported legislation and the development of policies in
20 line with Healthy People 2010; and

21 WHEREAS, the members of Louisiana Links came to the legislature in 2006 to
22 inform their legislators that they supported legislation and the development of policies that
23 provided the funding and infrastructure necessary for improvement of health care in
24 Louisiana; and

25 WHEREAS, the members of The Links chapters in Louisiana came to the legislature
26 in 2007 to inform their legislators that they supported legislation and the development of
27 policies that closed the gap in poverty and education, that provided adequate and affordable
28 health care to all citizens, that brought Louisiana people home, that revitalized New Orleans
29 public schools, and that guaranteed displaced Louisiana voters their constitutional right to
30 vote; and

1 WHEREAS, members of Louisiana Links came to the legislature in 2008 to inform
2 their legislators that they supported legislation and the development of policies aimed at
3 reducing the obesity rate for children in Louisiana and other health care and education
4 initiatives aimed at creating a better quality of life in Louisiana; and

5 WHEREAS, members of Louisiana Links came to the legislature in 2009, 2010,
6 2011, and 2012 to advocate for health care and education issues to continue to improve the
7 lives of all Louisiana citizens; and

8 WHEREAS, in 2013, the Louisiana Links continue their efforts at the capitol by
9 advocating for laws and policies in health care, education, voting rights, gun control, and
10 equal pay for women; and

11 WHEREAS, The Links, Incorporated merits a special measure of commendation as
12 they visit the Louisiana State Capitol on Wednesday, May 15, 2013, for Louisiana Links
13 Day.

14 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
15 commend the efforts of The Links, Incorporated and does hereby recognize Wednesday,
16 May 15, 2013, as Louisiana Links Day at the Louisiana State Capitol.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
18 to the southern area director of The Links, Incorporated.

DIGEST

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Commends the efforts of The Links, Incorporated and recognizes May 15, 2013, as La. Links Day at the capitol.