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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 66

BY SENATOR COLOMB

LEGIS POWERS/FUNCTIONS. Commends the efforts of The Links, Incorporated and designates Monday, May 8, 2017, as Louisiana Links Day at the state capitol.

1	A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
2	To commend the efforts of The Links, Incorporated and to designate Monday, May 8, 2017,
3	as Louisiana Links Day at the state capitol.
4	WHEREAS, The Links, Incorporated, is an international organization of women of
5	color dedicated to improving the quality of life for humankind; and
6	WHEREAS, the worldwide organization consists of nearly fourteen thousand
7	members in two hundred eighty-three chapters in forty-one states, the District of Colombia,
8	and the Commonwealth of the Bahamas; and
9	WHEREAS, there are eight Links chapters in the state of Louisiana, namely the
10	Alexandria, Baton Rouge, Crescent City, LaCapitale, Monroe-Grambling, New Orleans,
11	Pontchartrain, and Shreveport chapters; and
12	WHEREAS, The Links, Incorporated, was founded in 1946 by Margaret Hawkins
13	and Sarah Scott in hopes of promoting civic, educational, and cultural concerns through the
14	creation of their service organization; and
15	WHEREAS, the members of The Links, Incorporated, are influential decision makers
16	and opinion leaders; and
17	WHEREAS, The Links, Incorporated, has attracted many distinguished women who
18	are individual achievers and who have made a difference in their communities and in the

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2 WHEREAS, the members of The Links, Incorporated, are business and civic leaders, 3 role models, mentors, activists, and volunteers who work towards a common vision by 4 engaging like-minded organizations and individuals as partners; and 5 WHEREAS, the outstanding programming of The Links, Incorporated, has five 6 facets, which are National Trends and Services, the Arts, Services to Youth, International 7 Trends and Services, and Health and Human Services; and 8 WHEREAS, the programs are implemented through strategies such as public 9 information and education, economic development, and public policy campaigns; and 10 WHEREAS, the mission of The Links, Incorporated, has been to discern a need and 11 to fulfill it, which The Links has done by donating money and time to charitable efforts, 12 including one million dollars to the National Association for the Advancement of Colored 13 People and two million dollars to the United Negro College Fund; and 14 WHEREAS, its members contribute more than five hundred thousand documented 15 hours of community service annually, strengthening their communities and enhancing the 16 nation; and WHEREAS, Links Day at the capitol is a project of the southern area of The Links, 17 18 Incorporated, which includes chapters in the states of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, 19 Mississippi, North Carolina, and South Carolina; and WHEREAS, the first Louisiana Links Day at the state capitol occurred on May 19, 20 21 2005; and WHEREAS, the members of Louisiana Links came to the legislature in 2005 to 22 23 inform their legislators that they supported legislation and the development of policies in line 24 with Healthy People 2010; and 25 WHEREAS, the members of Louisiana Links came to the legislature in 2006 to inform their legislators that they supported legislation and the development of policies that 26 27 provided funding and infrastructure necessary to improve healthcare in Louisiana; and WHEREAS, the members of Louisiana Links came to the legislature in 2007 to 28 29 inform their legislators that they supported legislation and the development of policies that 30 closed the gap in poverty and education, that provided adequate and affordable health care SLS 17RS-1305 ORIGINAL SCR NO. 66

1 to all citizens, that brought Louisiana people home, that revitalized New Orleans public 2 schools, and that guaranteed displaced Louisiana voters their constitutional right to vote; and 3 WHEREAS, the members of Louisiana Links came to the legislature in 2008 to 4 inform their legislators that they supported legislation and the development of policies aimed 5 at reducing the obesity rate for children in Louisiana and other healthcare and education 6 initiatives aimed at creating a better quality of life in Louisiana; and 7 WHEREAS, the members of Louisiana Links came to the legislature in 2009, 2010, 8 2011, and 2012, to advocate for healthcare and education policies that would continue to 9 improve the lives of all Louisiana citizens; and 10 WHEREAS, the members of Louisiana Links came to the legislature in 2013 to 11 advocate for laws and policies in healthcare, education, voting rights, gun control, and equal 12 pay for women; and 13 WHEREAS, in 2014, the members of Louisiana Links voiced their concern and 14 continued support of programs seeking to enrich, sustain, and ensure the cultural and 15 economic survival of African Americans and persons of African ancestry, and 16 WHEREAS, The Links, Incorporated, merits a special measure of commendation as they visit the Louisiana State Capitol on Monday, May 8, 2017, for Louisiana Links Day. 17 18 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the efforts of The Links, Incorporated, and does hereby designate Monday, May 8, 2017, as Louisiana Links Day at the state capitol.

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

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Jerry J. Guillot.

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