

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

4 WHEREAS, the outstanding programming of The Links, Incorporated, has five
5 facets: National Trends and Services, the Arts, Services to Youth, International Trends and
6 Services, and Health and Human Services; and

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

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

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

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

19 WHEREAS, the first Louisiana Links Day at the state capitol occurred on May 19,
20 2005; and

21 WHEREAS, the members of Louisiana Links came to the legislature in 2005 to
22 inform their legislators that they supported legislation and the development of policies in line
23 with Healthy People 2010; and

24 WHEREAS, the members of Louisiana Links came to the legislature in 2006 to
25 inform their legislators that they supported legislation and the development of policies that
26 provided funding and infrastructure necessary to improve health care in Louisiana; and

27 WHEREAS, the members of Louisiana Links came to the legislature in 2007 to
28 inform their legislators that they supported legislation and the development of policies that
29 closed the gap in poverty and education, that provided adequate and affordable health care

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 of 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 health care 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 health care, 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
17 they visit the Louisiana state capitol on Monday, May 8, 2017, for Louisiana Links Day.

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

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

DIGEST

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Commends the efforts of The Links, Inc., and designates May 8, 2017, as La. Links Day at the state capitol.