

1           A RESOLUTION commending The Links, Incorporated for their impressive  
2 history of community service.

3           WHEREAS, The Links, Incorporated is a highly regarded international not-for-  
4 profit organization dedicated to unity, friendship, and service; and

5           WHEREAS, The Links, Incorporated was established in 1946 and has since grown  
6 to a current membership of 12,000 professional women of color in 276 chapters located  
7 in 41 states, the District of Columbia, and the Commonwealth of the Bahamas; and

8           WHEREAS, The Links, Incorporated is one of the nation's oldest and largest  
9 volunteer service organizations, consisting of extraordinary women of color who are  
10 committed to the economic and cultural enrichment of African Americans and other  
11 persons of African descent; and

12           WHEREAS, the members of The Links, Incorporated are influential leaders and  
13 decision makers and include many distinguished women who have made a positive  
14 impact on their communities and the world, including business and civic leaders,  
15 mentors, activists, and volunteers; and

16           WHEREAS, members contribute more than 500,000 documented hours of  
17 community service annually, strengthening their communities and enhancing civic life  
18 across the United States; and

19           WHEREAS, notable members of The Links, Incorporated include the 49th Vice  
20 President of the United States, Kamala Harris; the civil rights leader and Children's  
21 Defense Fund founder, Marian Wright Edelman; and the first African American female  
22 president of historically Black Spelman College, Johnetta Betsch Cole; and

23           WHEREAS, The Links, Incorporated has received awards from the United Nations  
24 Association of New York and the Leon H. Sullivan Foundation in recognition of its  
25 premier programs; and

26           WHEREAS, The Links, Incorporated has promoted civic engagement in state-level  
27 politics and government, engaging with people of color serving as leaders and elected

1 officials in both the Democratic and Republican Parties of Kentucky; and

2 WHEREAS, The Links, Incorporated continues to be a vital institution and a pillar  
3 of this great Nation and the Commonwealth;

4 NOW, THEREFORE,

5 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of*  
6 *Kentucky:*

7 ➔Section 1. The Senate Hereby commends The Links, Incorporated for their  
8 impressive history of community service.

9 ➔Section 2. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this  
10 Resolution to Senator Gerald Neal for presentation.