

Regular Session, 2010

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 77

BY SENATOR PETERSON

COMMENDATIONS. Commends the service and contributions of The Links, Incorporated and recognizes Wednesday, May 12, 2010, as Louisiana Links Day at the State Capitol.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend the service and contributions of The Links, Incorporated and to recognize
3 Wednesday, May 12, 2010, as Louisiana Links Day at the State Capitol.

4 WHEREAS, The Links, Incorporated organization, founded by two Philadelphia
5 matrons, Margaret Hawkins and Sarah Scott on November 9, 1946 and incorporated in 1951,
6 is an international not-for-profit corporation consisting of 12,000 professional women of
7 color in 270 chapters located in forty-two states, the District of Columbia, the
8 Commonwealth of the Bahamas, Germany, and South Africa which is dedicated to
9 enriching, sustaining, and ensuring the culture and economic survival of African Americans
10 and other persons of African Ancestry; and

11 WHEREAS, The Links, Incorporated has eight chapters located in Louisiana: the
12 Alexandria, Baton Rouge, Crescent City, LaCapitale, Monroe-Grambling, New Orleans,
13 Pontchartrain and Shreveport chapters; and

14 WHEREAS, The Links, Incorporated identifies and addresses concerns, through
15 financial contributions and as public service volunteers, involving a multitude of issues:
16 child literacy, after-school programs, college readiness, scholarship, and mentoring; drug and
17 HIV/AIDS awareness and health and wellness awareness; partnering with local museums,
18 symphonies, art councils, educational institutions, and corporations to support art programs

1 and presentations by artists of color; address economic and social inequalities; and
2 developing public policy leadership skills; and

3 WHEREAS, in 2006, members of Louisiana Links chapters began visiting the
4 Louisiana Legislature to support legislation and policies seeking to provide the infrastructure
5 and funding necessary to implement "Healthy People 2010"; to close the gap in poverty and
6 education; to provide adequate and affordable health care to all citizens; to bring people
7 home after Hurricane Katrina; to revitalize the New Orleans public school system; to
8 guarantee displaced voters their constitutional right to vote; to reduce child obesity in
9 Louisiana; and many other initiatives seeking to better the quality of life for citizens in our
10 state; and

11 WHEREAS, today on Wednesday, May 12, 2010, members of Louisiana Links
12 chapters visit the legislature to voice their concern and continued support of such programs
13 seeking to enrich, sustain, and ensure the cultural and economic survival of African
14 Americans and persons of African ancestry.

15 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
16 does hereby commend the service and contributions of The Links, Incorporated and does
17 hereby recognize Wednesday, May 12, 2010, as Louisiana Links Day at the State Capitol.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to The
19 Links, Incorporated.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Thomas L. Tyler.

DIGEST

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