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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The Links, Incorporated is an international,
3 non-for-profit corporation, established in 1946; The Links
4 Foundation, Incorporated, the philanthropic arm of The Links,
5 Incorporated, has made more than \$24 million dollars in
6 charitable contributions since its founding; and

7 WHEREAS, The membership of Links, Incorporated consists of
8 more than 17,000 professional women of African descent in 299
9 chapters across the globe; it is one of the nation's oldest and
10 largest volunteer service organizations of extraordinary women
11 who are committed to enriching, sustaining, and ensuring the
12 culture and economic survival of African Americans and other
13 persons of African ancestry; the Central Area of The Links,
14 Incorporated was established in 1950 and has expanded to 72
15 chapters in 15 states; the Illinois chapters are Central
16 Illinois (IL) Chapter, Chicago (IL) Chapter, Gateway (IL)
17 Chapter, Harbor Lites (IL) Chapter, Hoffman Estates (IL)
18 Chapter, Lake Shore (IL) Chapter, North Shore (IL) Chapter,
19 Quad Cities (IL) Chapter, South Suburban Chicago (IL) Chapter,
20 Tri-County (IL) Chapter, Windy City (IL) Chapter, and West
21 Towns (IL) Chapter; and

22 WHEREAS, The Links, Incorporated is transforming
23 communities through its voice, its vote, and its power; with

1 over two million service hours recorded in the past three
2 years, members regularly contribute more than 1,000,000
3 documented service hours in their respective communities
4 annually; and

5 WHEREAS, The Links, Incorporated's legislative and public
6 affairs priorities are considered through a lens of diversity,
7 equity, and inclusion; and

8 WHEREAS, The Links, Incorporated is uniquely positioned to
9 leverage the collective strength, resources, and energy of its
10 members to ensure that public policy being considered is
11 reflective of its membership and the global community it
12 serves; and

13 WHEREAS, The Links, Incorporated will continue to monitor
14 and advocate on numerous public policy issues that include its
15 identified four priorities for the biennium, health, economic
16 sustainability, civil and voting rights, and criminal justice
17 and public safety; and

18 WHEREAS, The Central Area of The Links, Incorporated
19 chapters in the State of Illinois continues to advocate for
20 the above mentioned public policy issues; and

21 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Governor Juliana Stratton and

1 Representative Rita Mayfield are among the engaged members;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, The Illinois chapters of The Links, Incorporated
4 will be holding the first in-person Illinois Links Day at the
5 State Capitol on May 3, 2023; therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
7 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
8 we recognize the work of Area Director Monica Boone Allen and
9 the various chapters in the Central Area and salute them on
10 Links Day at the Illinois State Capitol; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
12 presented to the Central Area of the Links, Incorporated as a
13 symbol of our respect and esteem.