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1 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 six priorities for the biennium, civil and voting
16 rights, women's health equity, equal pay, economic
17 empowerment, social justice and public safety, and
18 environmental justice and climate change; and

19 WHEREAS, The chapters of the Central Area of The Links,
20 Incorporated in the State of Illinois continue to advocate for
21 the above-mentioned public policy issues and have elected to
22 spotlight women's health equity, specifically in three areas,

1 prevention of kidney disease, Black women's maternal health,
2 and mental health; and

3 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Governor Juliana Stratton,
4 Representative Rita Mayfield, and Representative Kimberly Du
5 Buclet are among the engaged members; and

6 WHEREAS, The Illinois chapters of The Links, Incorporated
7 will be holding their annual in-person Illinois Links Day at
8 the State Capitol on April 23, 2025; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
10 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
11 we recognize the work of Area Director Sheila R. Brown and the
12 various chapters in the Central Area and salute them on Links
13 Day at the Illinois State Capitol; and be it further

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