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SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, A delegation of members from the Illinois
3 chapters of The Links, Incorporated will attend the
4 organization's annual Illinois Links Legislative Day at the
5 Capitol on March 24 through March 25, 2026; and

6 WHEREAS, The Links, Incorporated is an international,
7 not-for-profit corporation established in 1946 for the
8 purposes of education, civic engagement, and cultural
9 enrichment; and

10 WHEREAS, The Links, Incorporated has a membership of more
11 than 17,000 professional women in 303 chapters located in 41
12 states, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of the
13 Bahamas, and the United Kingdom, who are influential
14 decision-makers and opinion leaders; and

15 WHEREAS, Members of The Links, Incorporated provide over
16 one million service hours annually across five primary
17 programmatic areas, known as the facets, which include
18 Services to Youth, The Arts, National Trends and Services,
19 International Trends and Services, and Health and Human
20 Services; and

21 WHEREAS, The mission of The Links, Incorporated, "Friends

1 Transforming Communities Through Service", is realized daily
2 through its impactful programs and service initiatives; and

3 WHEREAS, The 2026 Illinois Links Legislative Day at the
4 Capitol will focus on critical health issues, particularly
5 kidney disease, home dialysis, and economic disparities; and

6 WHEREAS, Members of The Links, Incorporated will engage in
7 discussions with legislators on matters of health and economic
8 sustainability, topics of particular importance to the
9 organization; and

10 WHEREAS, The Central Area of The Links, Incorporated is
11 comprised of 3,900 influential women who provide impactful
12 programming in 73 communities throughout 17 states in the
13 Midwest, known as "the Heart of Linkdom"; and

14 WHEREAS, Central Area members contribute more than 194,000
15 documented service hours annually by engaging external
16 organizations and community partnerships; and

17 WHEREAS, The Central Area is represented by its Illinois
18 chapters, which include the Central Illinois Chapter, the
19 Chicago Chapter, the Gateway Chapter, the Harbor Lites
20 Chapter, the Hoffman Estates Chapter, the Lake Shore Chapter,
21 the North Shore Chapter, the Quad Cities Chapter, the South

1 Suburban Chicago Chapter, the Tri-County Chapter, the Windy
2 City Chapter, and the West Towns Chapter; and

3 WHEREAS, The 2026 Illinois Links Legislative Day at the
4 Capitol encompasses the theme of "Spotlight Illinois:
5 Strengthening Our Foundation for the Future"; therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL
7 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we declare March 25,
8 2026 as Links Day in the State of Illinois; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That we congratulate Director Sheila R. Brown of
10 the Central Area of The Links, Incorporated and its members on
11 their unwavering commitment to service; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
13 presented to Central Area Director Sheila R. Brown as a symbol
14 of our respect and esteem.