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H.R. No. 557

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, A delegation from the Western Area of The Links,  
2 Incorporated, is visiting the State Capitol on February 25, 2013;  
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4           WHEREAS, Founded in 1946, The Links is a volunteer service  
5 organization for professional women who are committed to enriching  
6 the culture of African Americans and other persons of African  
7 ancestry and improving their economic status; it has a membership  
8 of 12,000 in 276 chapters across the country and in the Commonwealth  
9 of the Bahamas; and

10           WHEREAS, The business and civic leaders, mentors, role  
11 models, and activists of this nonprofit corporation volunteer more  
12 than 500,000 hours annually in projects to strengthen their  
13 communities and make a positive difference in the lives of others;  
14 through the years, the group has received awards from such  
15 organizations as the United Nations Association of New York and the  
16 Leon H. Sullivan Foundation; and

17           WHEREAS, The Western Area of The Links includes 2,000 members  
18 in 55 chapters; these dedicated women work in behalf of children,  
19 families, and the disadvantaged and support the University of  
20 California Davis Women's Cardiovascular Medicine Program, the  
21 Mayme A. Clayton Library and Museum, historically black colleges,  
22 and Habitat for Humanity; Bullying, Trashtalking: It's No Joke,  
23 another of the important initiatives of the Western Area, empowers  
24 youth with skills to address offending behavior; and

1           WHEREAS, The dynamic members of The Links have demonstrated  
2 outstanding leadership and commitment to their communities and  
3 their nation, setting high standards of civic engagement to which  
4 others may aspire; now, therefore, be it

5           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas  
6 Legislature hereby recognize February 25, 2013, as The Links,  
7 Incorporated, Day at the State Capitol and extend to members of the  
8 Western Area of The Links, Incorporated, best wishes for a  
9 memorable and meaningful visit to Austin.