

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 259

WHEREAS, A delegation from the Western Area of The Links, Incorporated, is visiting the State Capitol on February 25, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Founded in 1946, The Links is a volunteer service organization for professional women who are committed to enriching the culture of African Americans and other persons of African ancestry and improving their economic status; it has a membership of 12,000 in 276 chapters across the country and in the Commonwealth of the Bahamas; and

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

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

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

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

West

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 25, 2013.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate