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## RESOLUTION

- 1 WHEREAS, A delegation from the Western Area of The Links,
- 2 Incorporated, is visiting the State Capitol on March 2, 2015; and
- 3 WHEREAS, Founded in 1946, The Links is a volunteer service
- 4 organization for professional women who are committed to enriching
- 5 the culture of African Americans and other persons of African
- 6 ancestry and improving their economic status; it has a membership
- 7 of nearly 14,000 in 280 chapters across the country and in the
- 8 Commonwealth of the Bahamas; and
- 9 WHEREAS, The business and civic leaders, mentors, role
- 10 models, and activists of this nonprofit corporation volunteer more
- 11 than 500,000 hours annually in projects to strengthen their
- 12 communities and make a positive difference in the lives of others;
- 13 through the years, the group has received awards from such
- 14 organizations as the United Nations Association of New York and the
- 15 Leon H. Sullivan Foundation; and
- WHEREAS, The Western Area of The Links includes 2,000 members
- 17 in 55 chapters; these dedicated women work in behalf of children,
- 18 families, and the disadvantaged and support the University of
- 19 California Davis Women's Cardiovascular Medicine Program, the
- 20 Mayme A. Clayton Library and Museum, historically black colleges,
- 21 and Habitat for Humanity; Bullying, Trashtalking: It's No Joke,
- 22 another of the important initiatives of the Western Area, empowers
- 23 youth with skills to address offending behavior; and
- 24 WHEREAS, The members of The Links have demonstrated

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- 1 outstanding leadership and commitment to their communities and
- 2 their nation, setting high standards of civic engagement to which
- 3 others may aspire; now, therefore, be it
- 4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
- 5 Legislature hereby recognize March 2, 2015, as The Links,
- 6 Incorporated, Day at the State Capitol and extend to members of the
- 7 Western Area of The Links, Incorporated, best wishes for a
- 8 memorable and meaningful visit to Austin; and, be it further
- 9 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 10 prepared for the organization as an expression of high regard by the
- 11 Texas House of Representatives.