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## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, A delegation from the Western Area of The Links,
Incorporated, is visiting the State Capitol on February 27, 2017;
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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 nearly 14,000 in 283 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 dedicated women of the Western Area of The Links 17 work in behalf of children, families, and the disadvantaged and 18 support the University of California Davis Women's Cardiovascular 19 20 Medicine Program, the Mayme A. Clayton Library and Museum, 21 historically black colleges, and Habitat for Humanity; Bullying, 22 Trashtalking: It's No Joke, another of the important initiatives of 23 the Western Area, empowers youth with skills to address offending 24 behavior; and

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1 WHEREAS, The 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 85th Texas 6 Legislature hereby recognize February 27, 2017, 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; and, be it further

10 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be 11 prepared for the organization as an expression of high regard by the 12 Texas House of Representatives.

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