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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, For more than six decades, the Fort Worth chapter of  
2 The Links, Incorporated, has demonstrated an unwavering commitment  
3 to bettering the quality of life of area residents; and

4           WHEREAS, Founded in 1946, The Links is a volunteer service  
5 organization for professional women who are dedicated 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 more than 16,000 women of color in 288 chapters across the  
9 country and in the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth of the  
10 Bahamas; and

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

18           WHEREAS, Since its establishment on December 5, 1959, the  
19 Fort Worth chapter has provided financial and volunteer support to  
20 a variety of worthy organizations and endeavors, among them the  
21 Arts Council of Fort Worth, the Urban League, the NAACP, and Habitat  
22 for Humanity; the chapter's many initiatives include a scholarship  
23 program for minority female high school students, HeartLinks to  
24 Heart Health, a campaign promoting healthy lifestyles and offering

1 information about cardiovascular disease, and its nationally  
2 recognized umbrella project, the EMPRESS Program for Girls, which  
3 is focused on improving college readiness in the STEM fields; and

4 WHEREAS, The Fort Worth Chapter of The Links, Incorporated,  
5 has made a profound impact in the lives of countless people in North  
6 Texas and beyond, and its members may take justifiable pride in  
7 their exemplary efforts; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas  
9 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby commend the members of the  
10 Fort Worth chapter of The Links, Incorporated, for their service to  
11 the community and extend to them sincere best wishes for continued  
12 success with their important work; and, be it further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
14 prepared for the chapter as an expression of high regard by the  
15 Texas House of Representatives.