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To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 44

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE MISSISSIPPI CHAPTER OF THE LINKS,
2 INC., FOR THEIR SUPPORT OF LEGISLATION ADDRESSING THE ELIMINATION
3 OF HEALTH DISPARITIES AND WELCOMING THEM ON THE OCCASION OF "LINKS
4 DAY AT THE CAPITOL" ON MARCH 24, 2005.

5 WHEREAS, the Southern Area of The Links, Inc., and its
6 members, Black women from Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana,
7 Mississippi, North Carolina and South Carolina, will gather in
8 their individual state's capitol cities to let their legislative
9 representatives know that they want 'Healthy People 2010'
10 legislation passed by their state legislatures. These women are
11 members of The Links, Incorporated, an organization of more than
12 10,000 members who are linked together by 275 chapters around the
13 globe in order to enrich, sustain and ensure the identities,
14 culture and economic survival of all people of African origin; and

15 WHEREAS, "Links Day at the Capitol" is a project of the
16 Southern Area of The Links. There are 2,500 members in 75
17 chapters of The Links in the Southern Area. The Links hope to
18 have an impact on their state capitols and flex the collective
19 organizational strength and influence of their membership.

20 Visitations at state capitols will begin in February and will be
21 scheduled through the end of varying state legislative sessions.
22 The Links State Project Coordinator for the State of Mississippi
23 is Angela Miller from the Natchez Chapter of The Links, Inc.; and

24 WHEREAS, in conducting "Links Day at the Capitol," Links will
25 meet with their state legislators in small groups to communicate
26 and bring awareness to a unified Links message, the elimination of
27 health disparities. Its goal is to encourage state legislators
28 across our area that this initiative promotes national health

29 objectives designed to identify the most significant preventable
30 threats to health and national goals to reduce these threats; and

31 WHEREAS, the 'Healthy People 2010' focus areas of
32 concentration for The Links will include: Infant Mortality,
33 Cancer, Cardiovascular Disease, Diabetes, HIV Infections/AIDS and
34 Immunizations; and

35 WHEREAS, the local affiliates of The Links, Inc., are as
36 follows: Vicksburg Chapter, President, Link Magnolia Hampton;
37 LeFleur's Bluff Chapter, President, Link Geraldine Thompson Kelly;
38 Jackson Chapter, President, Link Terryce Walker; Natchez Chapter,
39 President, Mary Lee Toles; and Columbus Chapter, President, Link
40 Dorothy Colom; and

41 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize the plans
42 and efforts of this dedicated group of Mississippians:

43 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
44 MISSISSIPPI, That we commend The Mississippi Links, Inc., for
45 their support of legislation addressing the elimination of health
46 disparities and welcoming them to their state capitol on the
47 occasion of "Links Day at the Capitol."

48 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be presented to
49 the participants of Links Day at the Capitol in Mississippi on
50 March 24, 2005, and be made available to the Capitol Press Corps.