

By: Senator(s) Frazier

To: Rules

## SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 30

1 A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE HUMANITARIAN EFFORTS OF THE  
2 LINKS, INCORPORATED, AND WELCOMING THEM TO THE MISSISSIPPI STATE  
3 CAPITOL DURING THEIR "LINKS DAY AT THE CAPITOL" ACTIVITIES.

4 WHEREAS, "Links Day at the Capitol" will take place on  
5 Thursday, March 9, 2006, at the Mississippi State Capitol; and

6 WHEREAS, members of The Links, Incorporated, will convene  
7 from all around the State of Mississippi in support of the Healthy  
8 2010 Measures and Closing the Health Gap in access and education;  
9 and

10 WHEREAS, the purpose of this effort is to increase the  
11 quality and years of healthy life and to eliminate the racial and  
12 ethnic disparities in health; and

13 WHEREAS, the focus of "Links Day at the Capitol" is to  
14 discuss the six focus areas in Healthy People 2010 that  
15 disproportionately impact the health of African-Americans; and

16 WHEREAS, this national initiative seeks to eliminate health  
17 disparities and establish national health objectives designed to  
18 identify the most significant preventable threats to health; and

19 WHEREAS, The Links, Incorporated, a premier community service  
20 organization, will focus on the elimination of health disparities  
21 in the areas of infant mortality, cancer, cardiovascular disease,  
22 diabetes, HIV/AIDS and immunizations; and

23 WHEREAS, in addition to focusing on health initiatives in the  
24 United States of America, The Links, Incorporated, has been very  
25 active in assisting to improve the quality of life of people  
26 around the world; and

27           WHEREAS, as active participants in the Maama Kit Campaign,  
28 Links chapters have purchased thousands of "Maama Kits" to help  
29 alleviate the problem of neonatal mortality; and

30           WHEREAS, during the 1980s Links chapters contributed  
31 financially towards the building of water wells throughout the  
32 African continent; and

33           WHEREAS, during the 1990s The Links sponsored *The Uganda Tour*  
34 *of Light*, and the making of quilts for children of AIDS victims in  
35 Ghana; and

36           WHEREAS, Links chapters have participated in other  
37 international programs such as the Refugee Resettlement, Rwanda,  
38 Liberia and Haiti and Rwanda School-In-A-Box through UNICEF; and

39           WHEREAS, under The Links' signature program "Education Across  
40 the Miles," chapters have donated approximately \$400,000.00  
41 towards the building of 31 schools in townships of South Africa  
42 and Nigeria; and

43           WHEREAS, The Links, Incorporated, and its nonprofit arm, The  
44 Links Foundation, Incorporated, have long had a commitment to  
45 improving the lives and livelihoods of persons throughout the  
46 United States of America and the rest of the world:

47           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
48 MISSISSIPPI, That we do recognize the humanitarian efforts of The  
49 Links, Incorporated, and welcome them to the Mississippi State  
50 Capitol during their "Links Day at the Capitol" activities.

51           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
52 made available to The Links, Incorporated, chapters in the State  
53 of Mississippi, including Columbus-Lowndes, Vicksburg, Jackson,  
54 LeFleurs Bluff and Natchez, the national office and be made  
55 available to the Capitol Press Corps.