

By: Senator(s) Frazier, Butler, Dawkins,
Harden, Horhn, Jackson (11th), Jackson
(32nd), Jordan, Simmons, Thomas, Walls, White

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 601

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE HUMANITARIAN EFFORTS
2 OF THE LINKS, INCORPORATED, AND WELCOMING THEM TO THE MISSISSIPPI
3 STATE 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*
34 *Tour of Light*, and the making of quilts for children of AIDS
35 victims in 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, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
49 we do recognize the humanitarian efforts of The Links,
50 Incorporated, and welcome them to the Mississippi State Capitol
51 during their "Links Day at the Capitol" activities.

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