

By: Senator L. Chesterfield

## SENATE RESOLUTION

TO RECOGNIZE THE LINKS, INCORPORATED FOR ITS SERVICE  
TO THE STATE OF ARKANSAS.

### Subtitle

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WHEREAS, The Links, Incorporated is an international, not-for-profit corporation, established in 1946 by Margaret Rosell Hawkins and Sarah Strickland Scott; and

WHEREAS, The Links, Incorporated membership consists of seventeen thousand (17,000) professional women of color in two hundred ninety-nine (299) chapters found in forty-one (41) states, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of the Bahamas, and the United Kingdom; and

WHEREAS, The Links, Incorporated is one of the nation's oldest and largest volunteer service organizations of women who are committed to enriching, sustaining, and ensuring the cultural and economic survival of African Americans and other persons of African ancestry; and

WHEREAS, The Links, Incorporated programs are implemented through five (5) program facets: services to youth; the arts; national trends and services; international trends and services; and health and human services; and

WHEREAS, The Links, Incorporated members contribute over one million (1,000,000) service hours annually and have donated one million dollar



(\$1,000,000) grants to six (6) organizations including St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture, and the United Negro College Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Little Rock, Pine Bluff, and Northwest Arkansas Chapters of The Links, Incorporated are focused on making a significant and transformative impact in their respective communities through civic, educational, and inter-cultural activities; and

WHEREAS, The Northwest Arkansas Chapter activities include assisting young women transition who have aged out of foster care, assessing the needs of abused children of color and subsequently donating "Friendship Dolls" to support play therapy at a local child advocacy center, and hosting an art workshop to educate children through sixth grade on black artists and works of art; and

WHEREAS, the Pine Bluff Chapter projects include bullying preventing and intervention strategies, educating students about the vast career choices beyond the United States with a goal of creating a future job pool of young minority students focused on careers in international business and foreign affairs, and promoting health and wellness for youth through dental hygiene; and

WHEREAS, the Little Rock Chapter projects include a mentoring program at J. A. Fair K-8 Preparatory Academy, health and wellness educational and intervention programs focusing on chronic kidney disease and maternal childbirth mortality in the Black community, donating over two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) in scholarships to African American high school seniors, and two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) to the four (4) Historically Black Colleges and Universities in Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, The Links, Incorporated has identified four (4) priorities for legislative advocacy: health, economic stability, civil and voting rights, and criminal justice and public safety,

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

THAT the Senate recognize The Links, Incorporated for its service work and contributions to its communities and the State of Arkansas.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption, a copy of this resolution shall be provided by the Secretary of the Senate to the President of the Little Rock Chapter Ms. Annette Slater, President of the Northwest Arkansas Chapter Ms. Sheerah Davis, and President of the Pine Bluff Chapter Ms. Tenita Shannon-Gragg.