

House Resolution 816

By: Representatives Cannon of the 58th, Hugley of the 136th, Bentley of the 139th, Frazier of the 126th, Williams of the 168th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the efforts of the members of the Southern Area of The Links, Incorporated,
2 and recognizing May 17, 2017, as Southern Area Links Day; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, The Links, Incorporated, is an international organization of women of color
4 dedicated to improving the quality of life for humankind; and

5 WHEREAS, the worldwide organization consists of 14,000 members in 283 chapters in 41
6 states, the District of Columbia, and the Commonwealth of the Bahamas; and

7 WHEREAS, there are 15 Links chapters in the State of Georgia, namely the Albany, Athens,
8 Atlanta, Augusta, Azalea City, Brunswick, Buckhead-Cascade City, Camellia Rose,
9 Columbus, Dogwood City, Fort Valley, LaGrange, Macon, Magnolia, and Savannah
10 chapters; and

11 WHEREAS, The Links, Incorporated, was founded in 1946 by Margaret Hawkins and Sarah
12 Scott in hopes of promoting civic, educational, and cultural concerns through the creation of
13 their service organization; and

14 WHEREAS, the members of The Links, Incorporated, are influential decision makers and
15 opinion leaders; and

16 WHEREAS, The Links, Incorporated, has attracted many distinguished women who are
17 individual achievers and who have made a difference in their communities and in the world;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, the members of The Links, Incorporated, are business and civic leaders, role
20 models, mentors, activists, and volunteers who work towards a common vision by engaging
21 like-minded organizations and individuals as partners; and

22 WHEREAS, the outstanding programming of The Links, Incorporated, has five facets, which
23 are National Trends and Services, the Arts, Services to Youth, International Trends and
24 Services, and Health and Human Services; and

25 WHEREAS, the programs are implemented through strategies such as public information and
26 education, economic development, and public policy campaigns; and

27 WHEREAS, the mission of The Links, Incorporated, has been to discern a need and to fulfill
28 it, which The Links, Incorporated, has done by donating money and time to charitable
29 efforts; and

30 WHEREAS, its members in the Southern Area contribute more than 500,000 documented
31 hours of community service annually, strengthening their communities and enhancing the
32 nation; and

33 WHEREAS, the Southern Area Conference is the 44th biennial conference of the Southern
34 Area of The Links, Incorporated, which includes chapters in the states of Alabama, Florida,
35 Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and the Commonwealth of
36 the Bahamas; and

37 WHEREAS, The Links, Incorporated, merits a special measure of commendation as they
38 hold their 44th Southern Area Conference in Atlanta, Georgia, on May 17, 2017.

39 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
40 the members of this body commend the efforts of The Links, Incorporated, and recognize
41 May 17, 2017, as Southern Area Links Day.

42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
43 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
44 Southern Area Director of The Links, Incorporated.