## 2025 Regular Session

## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 162

## BY REPRESENTATIVE BOYD

#### A RESOLUTION

To designate Wednesday, May 14, 2025, as Louisiana Links Day at the Capitol and to commend The Links, Incorporated, and its seven chapters in Louisiana for their dedicated service and lasting contributions to the state and its citizens.

WHEREAS, The Links, Incorporated, established in 1946, is an international not-forprofit corporation committed to enriching, sustaining, and ensuring the cultural and economic survival of African Americans and other persons of African ancestry; and

WHEREAS, the organization is one of the nation's oldest and largest volunteer service organizations of women committed to enriching the lives of others through a strong focus on community service and civic engagement; and

WHEREAS, the mission of The Links, Incorporated, is to promote and engage in educational, civic, and intercultural activities to enrich the lives of members and the larger community through five 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, comprises seventeen thousand professional women of African descent in two hundred ninety-nine chapters located in forty-one states, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of the Bahamas, and the United Kingdom, including seven chapters in the great state of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana chapters of Baton Rouge, Crescent City, La Capitale, Monroe-Grambling, New Orleans, Pontchartrain, and Shreveport belong to the Southern Area of The Links, Incorporated, and together represent decades of leadership and service across the state; and WHEREAS, these chapters have significantly contributed to the advancement of education, health equity, cultural preservation, and community development in Louisiana through volunteerism and impactful programming; and

WHEREAS, the observance of Louisiana Links Day at the Capitol in each state is a key initiative aimed at educating, empowering, and engaging members in the legislative process while advocating for public policy that improves the well-being of the communities they serve; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana Links Day at the Capitol on May 14, 2025, offers an opportunity for members to engage with lawmakers, highlight issues critical to underserved communities, and reinforce the importance of civic involvement and public service.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby designate Wednesday, May 14, 2025, as Louisiana Links Day at the Capitol; does hereby commend The Links, Incorporated, for its exemplary service; and does hereby applaud the organization's seven Louisiana chapters for their enduring commitment to uplifting communities across the state.

# SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES