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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring The Links, Incorporated/Albany District Chapter upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the Excellence in Leadership Award by the Flora E. Kippins Foundation, Inc. on October 22, 2016

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those organizations and individuals who would devote themselves to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor The Links, Incorporated/Albany District Chapter upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the Excellence in Leadership Award by the Flora E. Kippins Foundation, Inc. to be celebrated at its Third Annual Gala on Saturday, October 22, 2016, at the Colonie Golf and Country Club, Voorheesville, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Flora E. Kippins Foundation, Inc. strives to provide resources and services to support and strengthen the development of children and families on the African continent and globally who are at risk of the devastating effects of poverty as well as HIV/AIDS and other opportunistic viruses; and

WHEREAS, Since its inception in 2011, the Flora E. Kippins Foundation has greatly benefitted not only the residents of the Capital Region of New York, but also those of Guyana, South America and Ghana, Africa by offering food, gifts, and medical supplies, hosting parties and holiday events, and providing educational opportunities; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious award will be bestowed upon The Links, Incorporated/Albany District Chapter for its exemplary leadership in its

respective profession, steadfast and unrelenting commitment to the Greater Capital Region, and its demonstrated pledge to advance education, as well as its outstanding support of the mission of the Flora E. Kippins Foundation; and

WHEREAS, For over 60 years, The Links, Incorporated/Albany District Chapter has promoted educational, civic and cultural activities throughout the Greater Capital Region; and

WHEREAS, Chartered in 1952, the Albany District Chapter is dedicated to linking friendship and service through programming, partnership and collaborations with local organizations and agencies to benefit its communities; and

WHEREAS, Throughout its history, this vital organization has generously awarded Community Giving Awards, established a memorial scholarship, supported Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) activities for children and supported programming for women; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those organizations which enhance the well-being and vitality of its community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor The Links, Incorporated/Albany District Chapter upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the Excellence in Leadership Award by the Flora E. Kippins Foundation, Inc.; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to The Links, Incorporated/Albany District Chapter.