

By Representative Lynn

1 House Resolution

2 A resolution honoring Doris Leeper.

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4 WHEREAS, born in Charlotte, North Carolina, Doris
5 Leeper graduated from Duke University in 1951 with a degree in
6 art history, and 10 years later moved to Florida to devote
7 herself full time to sculpture and painting, and

8 WHEREAS, an artist whose love for art and the
9 environment took root in childhood trips to the beach, Doris
10 Leeper made her home on a wild stretch of oceanfront near New
11 Smyrna Beach and shortly thereafter joined her passionate
12 commitment to Florida's ecology to an already-existing
13 movement to establish the area as Canaveral National Seashore,
14 and

15 WHEREAS, in addition to numerous one-person shows in
16 major museums within the state and across the nation, Doris
17 Leeper's works have been included in many outstanding
18 exhibitions, both here and abroad, and she has executed major
19 commissions for many corporations, universities, and museums
20 and the State of Florida, and

21 WHEREAS, Ms. Leeper is the possessor of uncommon
22 creativity and vision, unflagging courage and commitment, and
23 outstanding zeal and leadership abilities, qualities which
24 have played a major role in Florida's becoming one of the
25 leading states in the nation in cultural funding and
26 enrichment, and perhaps one of her most notable achievements
27 has been her founding in 1977 of the Atlantic Center for the
28 Arts, which attracts some of the world's great painters,
29 sculptors, poets, playwrights, and musicians as master artists
30 and provides selected associate artists an opportunity to
31 collaborate with and learn from the masters, and

1 WHEREAS, renowned not only for her magnificent works of
2 art, Ms. Leeper is internationally recognized for her
3 accomplishment of seemingly impossible dreams and for her
4 devotion to many causes, attributes which have resulted in her
5 being sought after to serve on numerous boards and councils
6 and becoming the recipient of honors that include honorary
7 doctorate degrees from both Stetson and Duke Universities and
8 her induction on October 29, 1999, into the Florida Artists
9 Hall of Fame, NOW, THEREFORE,

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11 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
12 Florida:

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14 That the House of Representatives pauses in its
15 deliberations to further honor Doris Leeper, artist, educator,
16 arts activist, innovative thinker, and environmentalist, and
17 to express its heartfelt gratitude for the contributions she
18 has made to the state, the nation, and the world.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution
20 be presented to Doris Leeper as a tangible token of the
21 sentiments expressed herein.