Florida House of Representatives - 2000 By Representative Eggelletion HR 9113

1 House Resolution 2 A resolution honoring the life of Mr. Leon 3 Watts. 4 WHEREAS, Leon Watts was born on August 7, 1920, to 5 б Henry and Elizabeth Watts in Richmond Kentucky, and 7 WHEREAS, Leon Watts attended Richmond High School, 8 where he was a black all-American basketball player, received a Bachelor of Arts in Industrial Arts from Florida 9 Agricultural and Mechanical University, and a Master of Arts 10 11 in Physical Education from the University of Michigan, and 12 WHEREAS, Leon Watts taught at schools in Spartanburg, 13 South Carolina, and in Williston and Martin and Broward 14 Counties, Florida, at Washington Junior College, and at Broward Community College where he was the first black faculty 15 16 member when the college integrated in 1962, and WHEREAS, Leon Watts served on the Broward County 17 Housing Authority, the Broward County Housing Finance 18 19 Authority, the District Board of Trustees of Broward Community 20 College where he was vice-chairman and chairman, the Health 21 Planning Council, the Mental Health Board, the Community 22 Development Council, the National Safety Council, the Area Agency on Aging, the Democratic Executive Committee, and the 23 24 Trustee Board of the First Baptist Church of Piney Grove, and WHEREAS, Leon Watts, a founding member of the National 25 26 Varsity F Club of Florida A & M University, was the Broward 27 County 1970 Basketball Coach of the Year, and was inducted 28 into the FLorida A & M University Sports Hall of Fame in 1979, NOW, THEREFORE, 29 30 31

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Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Florida: That the Florida House of Representative honors the life of Leon Watts and recognizes his contributions and achievements in teaching, coaching, and community service in Florida. 

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