

## House Resolution No.

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State educators who have developed and maintained excellent reputations for their significant leadership related to scholastic endeavors; and

**Whereas**, David L. Watkins has attained considerable distinction as a teacher at Neosho High School where he has devoted an impressive amount of time and energy directing National Forensic League activities; and

**Whereas**, during the 2003-2004 school year, David Watkins has received special accolades and honors from the National Forensic League in light of his speech program reaching 400 or more degrees; and

**Whereas**, competing against chapters found throughout the United States, David Watkins and his students at Neosho High School have placed in the top one half of one percent with a degrees total that has qualified their program for National Forensic League's Elite Society: "The 400"; and

**Whereas**, David Watkins has demonstrated a commitment to speech education that serves as a model for his peers and as a giant step toward reaching his student's full potential; and

**Whereas**, National Forensic League is an organization which takes as its motto, "Training Youth for Leadership", an admirable goal which was adroitly reached by David Watkins during the past year's competitive season; and

**Whereas**, it is fitting and proper that the Missouri House of Representatives pause to acknowledge the achievements of educators who bring honor and glory to themselves and to their home state through their success in getting students to put into practice the skills and knowledge which they acquire in the classroom:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the well-deserved selection of the Neosho High School speech program for 400 Club membership and to convey to David Watkins this legislative body's heartiest congratulations at this momentous event in his life and our best wishes for continued success for many more years to come; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of David L. Watkins.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
 Representative Kevin Wilson  
 District No. 130

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. \_\_\_\_, adopted \_\_\_\_\_, 2003.

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 Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker