

A Tribute

MEMBER FLORIDA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DENNIS RAHIIM WATSON

Expressing appreciation for his tireless efforts to encourage and inspire black youth

WHEREAS, the Florida House of Representatives does desire to take note, publicly acknowledge and recognize the extraordinary contributions of those individuals that have benefited the community; and

WHEREAS, DENNIS R. WATSON, is one such motivational speaker deserving of such recognition for his exemplary service as the President and CEO of the Center for Black Student Achievement; and

WHEREAS, DENNIS R. WATSON, was kicked out of high school 37 times and has overcome tremendous odds establishing himself as a highly respected leader and effective community servant; and

WHEREAS, DENNIS R. WATSON, has dedicated his life to motivating others and demonstrating the importance of serving people with the utmost integrity and distinction; and

WHEREAS, DENNIS R. WATSON, has lectured and conducted workshops at over 200 colleges and universities nationwide including University of Miami, Harvard, Yale, Cornell, Howard, Morehouse, U.C.L.A., Columbia, Hampton, Fisk, Vanderbilt, Brown, Stanford, University of Alaska, University of California Berkeley, Northwestern, and Dalhousie University in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada; and

WHEREAS, DENNIS R. WATSON, has been an integral part and partner with over 100 U.S. Mayors in their cities including, Miami, Tampa, and Orlando and has received over 250 awards for his work with black youth nationwide, among them five White House citations for his outstanding work with black youth; and

WHEREAS, DENNIS RAHIIM WATSON, served as the Youth Luncheon Speaker at the 30th National Conference on Preventing Crime in the Black Community, delivered the keynote address "**Black Love in the Afternoon-Getting Black Males to Respect Black Females and each other to end Petty Beefs, Conflicts and Senseless Gun Violence NOW**"; and

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved, that on behalf of the *Florida House of Representatives, District 8, I, State Representative Alan Williams*, do hereby award this proclamation to:

DENNIS RAHIIM WATSON

And do applaud him for the devotion and leadership he has exhibited on behalf of black youth. His exemplary record of service has earned him the well-deserved respect and admiration of the community-at-large.

Alan B. Williams
State Representative, District 8

