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2005 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 33

April 27, 2005 - Introduced by Representatives Gottlieb and Richards, cosponsored by Senator Grothman. Referred to Committee on Rules.

2	Whereas, George Watts was born in Milwaukee in 1922 and died on Sunday,
3	March 13, 2005, at his home in the town of Grafton, at the age of 82; and
4	Whereas, Mr. Watts attended Colgate University in Hamilton, New York,
5	before joining the United States Marine Corps in 1942; and
6	Whereas, Mr. Watts served honorably in the early occupation of Japan following
7	World War II and returned home in 1946 to work in the family business, George
8	Watts and Sons, Inc., in Milwaukee; and
9	Whereas, Mr. Watts became a respected and established leader in the
10	Milwaukee business community, giving job opportunities to those who were
11	discriminated against; and
12	Whereas, he maintained his commitment to the city's downtown when other
13	businesses were leaving and succeeded in the china and crystal business where
14	others did not; and

Relating to: the life and service of George Watts.

Milwaukee.

Whereas, Mr. Watts always stood up for his personal political beliefs and was
not afraid to speak out against wrongs despite the negative impact his positions had
on his business; and
Whereas, Mr. Watts ran for several elected offices including a school board race
in Ozaukee County and for governor of the state of Wisconsin; and
Whereas, even though he came in a strong 2nd to John O. Norquist in a race for
mayor of the city of Milwaukee, he continued his commitment to the city and its
people; now, therefore, be it
Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the members of the
Wisconsin legislature commend the life of George Watts, whose heart and soul
belonged to the city of Milwaukee, and whose legacy in business and politics will
never be forgotten; and, be it further
Resolved, That the assembly chief clerk shall provide a copy of this joint
resolution to Mr. Watt's wife, Martha, his sister, Lora Otjen, and his children Cherry
Watts, Jennifer Block, Abigail Grissom, J.D. Watts, and Mark Watts, all of

(END)