





*The Legacy
of
John S. Watson*

EXPERIENCE

HONESTY

LEADERSHIP

★ ELECT DEMOCRATS ★



JOHN S.
WATSON



PAUL J.
SOLLAMI



GILBERT W.
LUGOSSY

FOR MERCER COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

ELECTION DAY: TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 1970

Paid for by Mercer County Democratic Committee, Richard J. Coffee, Chairman
120 Sanhican Drive, Trenton, N. J.

ARTHUR R. SYPEK, SR.
COUNTY EXECUTIVE



ALBERT DRIVER, JR. BARBARA SIGMUND
JOHN WATSON JAMES HEDDEN PAUL SOLLAMI
EUGENE HOWARD FREDERICK GMITTER, JR.



TCNJ Men's Swim & Dive
@TCNJ_MSwimDive

11:32am - 1 Apr 2021

Here is a #ThrowbackThursday to
Swimming & Diving was born again
marked the first year the team co-
program since 1975 - shattering
and finishing in 2nd place at NJA
#TSCSwimDive #TCNJSwimDive
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MERCER COUNTY
BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

John S. Watson
PRESIDENT
1977

ALBERT E. DRIVER, Jr. Vice-Pres. EUGENE V. HOWARD
PAUL J. SOLLAMI BARBARA B. SIGMUND
JOSEPH E. TICHUE JAMES C. HEDDEN

JOYCE L. Mc DADE-Clerk to the Board
HARVEY L. STERN-County Counsel



















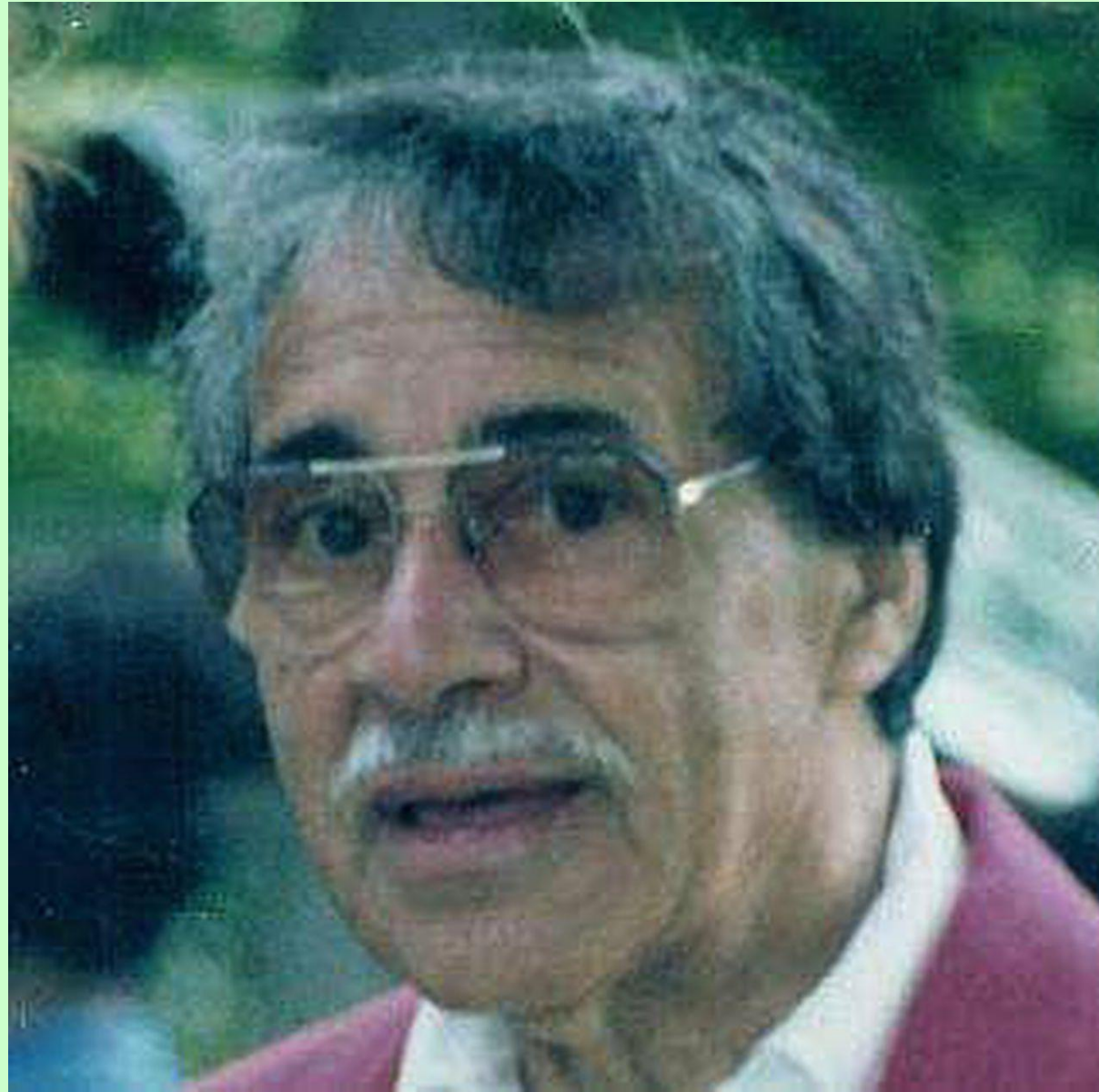




Congresswoman Bonnie Watson Coleman, center, looks to her brother, Bill Watson, right, while delivering remarks. Her husband William Coleman is at left. (Michael Mancuso | NJ Advance Media for NJ.com)







John S. Watson (Photo courtesy of Bill Watson)



John S. Watson, center, flanked by Rev Jesse Jackson, left and Rev S. Howard Woodson Jr., right (Photo courtesy of Bill Watson)

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Assemblyman John Watson in the street.



John S. Watson
Chairman Assembly
Appropriations Committee

**State of New Jersey
Executive Order #54**

Governor Christine Todd Whitman

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WHEREAS, Assemblyman John S. Watson was born in Camden in 1924, served honorably with the United States Merchant Marine fleet during World War II, and devoted many years in public service to the people of the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Assemblyman Watson had the distinction of being Mercer County's first African-American Freeholder in 1970; and

WHEREAS, he became the State's first African-American chosen President of a Freeholder Board in 1977 in Mercer County; and

WHEREAS, he served the people of New Jersey in the Assembly for 12 years and sponsored, among other important measures, legislation to preserve thousands of acres of farmland through the Open Space Preservation Bond Act; and

WHEREAS, he served as Chairman of the Assembly Appropriations Committee; and

WHEREAS, it is with deep sadness that we mourn the loss of Assemblyman Watson and extend our sincerest sympathy to his family and friends; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and appropriate to honor the memory and the passing of Assemblyman Watson;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHRISTINE TODD WHITMAN, Governor of the State of New Jersey, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and by the Statutes of this State, do hereby ORDER and DIRECT:

1. The flag of the United States of America and the flag of the State of New Jersey shall be flown at half-staff at all State departments, offices, agencies and instrumentalities during appropriate hours on Tuesday, July 9, 1996 in recognition and mourning of the passing of Assemblyman Watson.
2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

GIVEN, under my hand and seal
this 9th day of July in the Year of
Our Lord, One Thousand Nine
Hundred and Ninety-Six, and of the
Independence of the United States,
the Two Hundred and Twenty-First

/s/ Christine Todd Whitman
Governor

Attest:

/s/ Harriet Derman
Chief Counsel to the Governor



(Michael Mancuso | NJ Advance Media for NJ.com)



From left, Mercer County Freeholder Sam Frisbee, Dr. George A. Pruitt, retired president of Thomas Edison State University and two of John S. Watson's three sons, Jay Watson, and Bill Watson. (Aaron Watson was in attendance at the John S. Watson Avenue naming but not in this photo.) (Michael Mancuso | NJ Advance Media for NJ.com)



NJ Assembly Speaker John S. Watson (D)





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U.S. Congresswoman Bonnie Watson Coleman (D NJ-12)



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MOST INFLUENTIAL

African Americans

Bonnie Watson Coleman

Bonnie Watson Coleman, a long-time and influential advocate for the people of New Jersey, is currently serving her sophomore term in the United States Congress. Prior to her election as representative for New Jersey's 12th Congressional District, Watson Coleman served eight consecutive terms in the New Jersey General Assembly.

The daughter of legendary state legislator John S. Watson, Watson Coleman has continued a family legacy of public service fighting for women, economically and socially disadvantaged populations, and other vulnerable groups in our society. Watson Coleman shattered

racial and gender barriers to become the first Black woman to serve as majority leader of the New Jersey General Assembly, and as the chair of the New Jersey Democratic State Committee. Her election to the House of Representatives makes her the first Black woman to represent New Jersey in Congress.

Watson Coleman has led the call for reforms to prisoner re-entry programs, fighting tirelessly to shut the revolving door of recidivism for individuals who have returned from incarceration. During her time as majority leader, Watson Coleman convened a year-long series of public hearings on the topic while shepherding legislation through the New Jersey Assembly that The New York Times called "a model for the rest of the nation," on prisoner rehabilitation and release.



For her second term, as a member of the 115th Congress, Watson Coleman was selected by her colleagues as the vice ranking member of the House Homeland Security Committee, where she is also ranking member on both the Subcommittee on Trans-

portation and Protective Security. She also serves on the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

Watson Coleman has championed legislation to protect vulnerable Americans and communities related to gun safety, environmental protection, and long-term unemployment. Watson Coleman is the author of the Healthy MOM Act, which would allow women to enroll in, or change their health coverage if they become pregnant, the End For-Profit Prisons Act, which would prohibit the federal government from contracting with for-profit prison corporations and, the SAFER Pipelines Act that would reform the gas pipeline approval process overseen by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

In 2018, Watson Coleman, alongside two of her colleagues, founded the Congressional Caucus on Black Women and Girls, the first House caucus to study policy issues related to the continued success and accomplishments of that population. Watson Coleman is an active member of the Congressional Black Caucus, the Congressional Progressive Caucus, the Congressional Caucus for Women's Issues, the Congressional LGBT Equality Caucus, and the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus.

Watson Coleman graduated from

Thomas Edison State College and received honorary doctorate degrees from The College of New Jersey, Rider University and Stockton University. She is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. and co-chair of the Girl Scouts of America Capitol Hill Honorary Troop.

Watson Coleman and her husband William reside in Ewing Township and are blessed to have three sons; William, Troy, and Jared and three grandchildren; William, Kamryn and Ashanae.

Reva Foster

Reva Foster graduated cum laude from Allen University in Columbia, South Carolina with a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology. She went on to pursue graduate work in Microbiology at Miami University where she received a graduate assistantship teaching Microbiology to freshman and sophomore college students. She is a certified master trainer for the Stanford University Chronic Disease Self-Management Program. Foster also holds several certificates in Business Management, Senior Health, Quality Administration, Darning Quality Circle and International Group and Personal Fitness Certifications. She received an Honorable Discharge from the United States Air Force.

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On November 11, 2015, student and veteran George C., third from left, participated in a special presentation with, from left, MCCC Trustee Rev. William Coleman, Congresswoman Bonnie Watson Coleman, President Wang; NJ Assemblyman Wayne DeAngelo, Trustee Robert Di Falco, Director of Veterans Services John Becker, and Mercer County Freeholder Pat Colavita.



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Jasi Mikae Edwards, born and raised in Trenton, NJ, is a graduate from Trenton Central High School and Mercer County Community College. She is co-founder of Operation Rebuild Trenton, a city-based non-profit organization that works to cease gun violence by engaging residents in organized activities that encourage community and civic participation.

JASI MIKAE EDWARDS

is a full time Constituent Services
Representative for US Congresswoman
Bonnie Watson Coleman.

