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CONGRESS RETURNS TO WASHINGTON

The U.S. House of Representatives and Senate will reconvene for the lame duck session of the 114th Congress on November 14, 2016. In the final weeks of session, Congress must pass legislation to keep the government open, as well as act on the National Defense Reauthorization Act (NDAA). The government will exhaust all appropriated funds on December 9, 2016, absent Congressional action, and this year's NDAA—which has long enjoyed bipartisan support—has yet to pass both chambers of Congress in final form.



“We all witnessed the financial implications of the 2013 Government Shutdown that cost our economy nearly \$12 billion,” Beatty said. “With Members of Congress set to return to Washington, it is imperative Republicans and Democrats work

together to find a long-term solution to fully fund the government.”

In addition to funding the government and passing the NDAA, Congress may also consider legislation to provide federal monies and relief to the victims of the ongoing Flint Water Crisis and other important items. The House Democratic Caucus is pushing House Republican Leadership to hold votes on bipartisan gun violence prevention, criminal justice reform and voting rights legislation prior to the adjournment of the 114th Congress.

NEW BEATTY BILLS SEEK TO INCREASE DIVERSITY

Beatty recently introduced the *Ensuring Diverse Leadership at the Federal Reserve Act of 2016*, H.R. 6225, and the *Enhancing Minority and Women Representation in NIH Medical Research Act*, H.R. 6224.

Modeled after the NFL's “Rooney Rule,” which mandates at least one minority be considered for any head coach or general manager vacancy, H.R. 6225, if enacted, stipulates that at least one woman and one racial or ethnic minority be interviewed when there is a vacancy among the Federal Reserve Regional Bank presidents. In the Federal Reserve's 103-year history, no

African-American or Latino and only six women have ever served as a president.

Similarly, although current federal law requires NIH to have minority and women participation in clinical trial research, diversity is still lacking. For example, African-American men are twice as likely to die from prostate cancer as white men, yet black men represent merely four percent of prostate cancer clinical trial participants. H.R. 6224 would improve minority and women representation in clinical trials by instructing the Director of the NIH to collect additional data to better evaluate progress in reducing health disparities, encouraging coordination between federal agencies to reduce health disparities, as well as ensuring basic research projects better consider relevant biological variables between men and women.

Both bills are pending further consideration in the U.S. House of Representatives.



On August 9th, Congresswoman Beatty held a *Community Conversation* with law enforcement, constituents and community leaders focused on reducing gun violence, saving lives and unifying our communities.

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“Proud to serve as your voice in Congress.” — Congresswoman Joyce Beatty

HONORING THE SERVICE AND SACRIFICE OF OUR VETERANS

On the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918, World War I came to an end. Since then, every November 11th, our country has celebrated Veterans Day.

Reflecting on the importance of Veterans Day, Beatty said, “Whether at home or abroad, through peace and conflict, our nation’s veterans have kept us safe and protected our freedom. Let us always remember their service and sacrifice, and work tirelessly to

ensure we keep our promise to them, their families and survivors.”

Beatty has fought hard to keep that promise by introducing, cosponsoring and supporting legislation aimed at helping and honoring our veterans.

In the 114th Congress, she has introduced four measures: (1) the [Homeless Veterans Legal Services Act](#), H.R. 6046, to increase legal services to homeless and at-risk of homelessness veterans; (2) the [National Veterans Memorial and Museum Act](#), H.R. 6038, to designate the new veterans museum being constructed in Columbus, Ohio, as the “National Veterans Memorial and Museum;” (3) [H.R. 2522](#) to create a test program to help homeless veterans transitioning to permanent housing purchase household necessities; and (4) [H.Res. 610](#) to honor Black veterans including the 88 Black Medal of Honor recipients.

She also cosponsored [H.R. 675](#) and supported [H.R. 5588](#) to provide a

cost-of-living-adjustment to veterans, which will take effect on December 1, 2016. In addition, she cosponsored [H.R. 3365](#) to expand access to fertility treatments for wounded warriors—the provision is now law (P.L. 114-225). This Congress, Beatty has backed more than 35 veterans-related bills.

Outside of Washington, she is helping veterans and their families access service-related benefits and navigate the VA, and she is working with the entire Central Ohio Congressional Delegation to put an end to veteran homelessness. Concurrently, she is participating in the House Wounded Warrior Program, an initiative to create employment opportunities for veterans within Congress. In February, [program participant Robert Weilbacher joined the District Office](#) and is now serving as a veterans caseworker, assisting his fellow veterans and their loved ones obtain the assistance they earned in service to our nation.



Wounded Warrior Fellow Robert Weilbacher meets with new Defense Logistics Agency Land and Maritime Commander Rear Adm. Michelle Skubic. (October 31, 2016)



Beatty joins OSU Chief Wellness Officer Dr. Bernadette Melnyk in this May 20, 2016 archived photo. For World Heart Day, they teamed up to pen an [op-ed](#) urging Congress to address women’s heart health and heart disease.

EVENTS AND REMINDERS

Rosa Parks Community Leaders Forum

All constituents are invited to join Beatty, local and national civil rights leaders on **December 8 at 5:30 PM** at the **Ohio History Connection, 800 E. 17th Avenue, Columbus, OH 43211**. To RSVP, please visit: www.beatty.house.gov.

Community Swearing-in Ceremony

The Swearing-in Ceremony for Ohio’s Third Congressional District will take

place on December 30, 2016. The event will start at 11 AM at the Columbus Library Main Branch, 96 S. Grant Avenue, Columbus, OH 43215.

Veterans Oral History Project

Are you a veteran? The Library of Congress wants to hear from you. To participate in the Veterans History Project, contact the District Office at 614-220-0003 or visit: <http://www.loc.gov/vets>.

THIRD CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT GRANT HIGHLIGHTS

\$4,800,000

Ohio Capital Finance Corporation awarded a U.S. Department of Treasury Community Development Financial Institutions Fund grant for the development of affordable housing and community facilities in low-income communities.

\$472,930

Faith Mission, Inc. selected for a U.S. Department of Veterans affairs grant to help low-income veteran families prevent homelessness.

\$300,000

Mid-Ohio Foodbank awarded a [\\$300,000 U.S. Department of Agriculture grant](#) for sustainable, urban agriculture in Central Ohio to help feed children and families.