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## THE BEATTY BULLETIN

WINTER 2016

### CONGRESSWOMAN BEATTY JOINS BIPARTISAN EFFORT TO AVERT GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN

The U.S. Senate approved the [\*Further Continuing and Security Assistance Act of 2017, H.R. 2028\*](#), a bill to fund the federal government through April 28, 2017. Prior to the Senate vote, the U.S. House of Representatives passed *H.R. 2028* by a vote of 326-96 on December 8, 2016.

U.S. Congresswoman Joyce Beatty (OH-03), who voted in support of the four-month federal funding stopgap measure, said of the bill, “While it is far from

perfect, the bill does keep the government open for business, provides additional funding to respond to natural disasters, helps the people of Flint, Michigan and improves water infrastructure, supports groundbreaking biomedical research and combats infant mortality.”

Legislative highlights of *H.R. 2028* include: (1) \$4 billion in funding to rebuild and repair damage caused by Hurricane Matthew; (2) \$100 million in grant funding for individuals impacted

by the ongoing Flint Water Crisis; (3) \$15 million to combat infant mortality; (4) \$500 million to address the opioid abuse crisis; and (5) \$352 million to support cutting-edge medical research. Also of note, the bill includes a provision—supported by Congressional Republicans—limiting Senate debate on a waiver to allow the next Secretary of Defense to have been retired from active duty for less than the required seven years.

### BEATTY HIGHLIGHTS THE “POWER OF ONE”

On December 8, 2016, Beatty held a Community Leaders Forum (pictured right) to meet and speak with nearly 200 constituents about the power of diversity, inclusion and community, the legislative accomplishments of the 114th Congress, and potential legislation in the 115th Congress, including the reintroduction of the *Voting Rights Amendment Act*. She also reflected on the life, legacy and significance of Rosa Parks’ act of courage on the nation and in Congress.

“By refusing to give up her seat on a Montgomery city bus, Rosa Parks showed how the ‘Power of One’ individual can forever



(L to R) OSU Chief Diversity Officer Sharon Davies, COTA CEO Curtis Stitt, WBNS 10TV Anchor Jerry Revish and United Way of Central Ohio President Janet Jackson join Beatty at a Community Leaders Forum.

change the world,” Beatty said. “I look forward to building upon that

legacy legislatively in the upcoming Congress.”

On December 1, 1955, [\*Rosa Parks refused to move to the back of a segregated Montgomery, Alabama city bus\*](#). Parks’ subsequent jailing sparked the peaceful, 381-day Montgomery Bus Boycott, which led to the eventual desegregation of our nation’s public transportation.

Rosa Parks passed away on October 24, 2005. The following day, then-State Representative Joyce Beatty introduced legislation to honor Parks permanently, making the Buckeye State the first state in the nation to recognize “Rosa Parks Day.”

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### EVENTS AND REMINDERS

#### Ceremonial Swearing-in

The Ceremonial Swearing-in for Ohio’s Third Congressional District will take place on Friday, December 30, 2016. The event will start at 11 AM at the Columbus Metropolitan Library, 96 S. Grant Avenue, Columbus, OH 43215. To RSVP, visit [www.beatty.house.gov](http://www.beatty.house.gov) or call 614-220-0003.

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*"Proud to serve as your voice in Congress." — Congresswoman Joyce Beatty*



[On December 8, 2016, Former U.S. Senator John Glenn passed away.](#) An astronaut, war hero, four-term Senator, and resident of Ohio's Third Congressional District, Glenn was a mentor to Congresswoman Beatty.

## 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY CURES ACT NOW LAW

President Barack Obama signed the [21st Century Cures Act, H.R. 34 \(P.L. 114-255\)](#), into law on December 13, 2016. This legislation, which garnered strong bipartisan support in both the House and Senate, represents a step forward in improving access to mental health services, addressing the opioid epidemic, implementing innovative health initiatives, and increasing our understanding and treatment of cancer, Alzheimer's, rare diseases and other brain disorders.

Reflecting on the importance of the *21st Century Cures Act*, Beatty said, "This bill is a major, bipartisan victory that will help our country continue to address important public health challenges. That is why I was proud to support *H.R. 34*, along with 391 of my colleagues in the House and 94 Senators."



*Congresswoman Beatty led the final Congressional Black Caucus Special Order Hour of the 114<sup>th</sup> Congress on November 15, 2016. [You can watch the full program on her YouTube channel.](#) (Archived photo July 14, 2016)*

## AN EYE ON THE NEW YEAR

Dear Friend,

As we gather together with family and friends this holiday season, please keep in your thoughts all of the members of our Armed Forces serving abroad and their loved ones at home who are missing them. Their bravery, selfless service, sacrifice and commitment to keeping America safe helps ensure that the holidays are a joyful time of year for all of us.

We will be facing many important questions and decisions in the upcoming 115<sup>th</sup> Congress. Our nation is at a crossroads, and it is my hope in the New Year that lawmakers on both sides of the aisle in Congress can and will work together to tackle the economic, social and global challenges of today and tomorrow.

Ohio families and all Americans are clamoring for action. They want good-paying jobs with benefits, affordable, accessible and quality healthcare and childcare, educational opportunities for their children and an economy that works for everyone. I look forward to listening to and working with you and your family in the weeks and months ahead to help make these goals a reality.

My staff and I wish you and yours the best in the New Year!

Happy Holidays,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joyce Beatty".

Joyce Beatty  
Member of Congress, OH-03

## THIRD CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT GRANT HIGHLIGHTS

**\$180,000**

Huckleberry House received a grant from the Department of Health and Human Services' Administration for Children and Families to help provide services for runaway youth.

**\$12,000**

Opera Columbus received a professional development grant from the National Endowment for the Arts to expand opportunities for Opera Studies participants.