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CONGRESSWOMAN BEATTY HOLDS STATE OF THE DISTRICT AND TOWN HALL MEETING

U.S. Congresswoman Joyce Beatty held her State of the District and Town Hall Meeting for the 114th Congress at East High School on May 3, 2016.

In front of a crowd of more than 500 people, she discussed her work in the District and in the nation's capital, highlighted her legislative accomplishments, and fielded questions from residents of Ohio's Third Congressional District.

"Together we have made significant



Beatty recognizes constituents for outstanding service to the community during her State of the District and Town Hall Meeting for the 114th Congress. (May 3, 2016)

progress here at home, but the work continues," she said. "That is why I am fighting each and every day in Congress to create greater opportunities for my constituents, Ohioans and all Americans. Everyone should not only be able to dream the American Dream, but also be able to realize it."

For more information on the State of the District and Town Hall Meeting, please visit [the Congressional website](#).

BEATTY JOINS MEMBERS OF CONGRESS TO URGE FULL JVTA IMPLEMENTATION

Beatty, along with Representatives Ann Wagner (MO-02), Carolyn Maloney (NY-12) and Ted Poe (TX-02), held a joint press conference to call on the Department of Justice (DOJ) to fully implement the Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act (JVTA) of 2015, P.L. 114-22.

The four Representatives sent a [bipartisan letter](#) signed by 37 Members of Congress to Attorney General Loretta Lynch urging DOJ to immediately act and shed light on several areas of

delayed JVTA implementation.

"The passage of the Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act, which included H.R. 246, is one of my proudest moments in Congress. As we mark the Act's one year anniversary, several provisions have yet to be implemented," she said. "I join my Congressional colleagues in calling on the DOJ to expedite implementation of outstanding JVTA provisions to help eradicate human trafficking and to provide protections for victims."



On April 22nd, [Beatty called on the Department of Treasury](#) to speed up the redesign of the \$20 bill, which will feature Harriet Tubman. In 2015, Beatty introduced the [Woman on the Twenty Act](#), H.R. 2147, which would have created a panel to recommend a woman to be placed on the new \$20 note.



To honor all the brave men and women in uniform who paid the ultimate sacrifice, [Beatty shared her thoughts on Memorial Day](#) and why we need to focus on unity and gratitude. (May 30, 2016)

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

CONGRESSIONAL VOTING RIGHTS CAUCUS NAMES NEW DEPUTY VICE-CHAIR

Beatty joined the newly established Congressional Voting Rights Caucus (CVRC), which is dedicated to ensuring that all Americans have the opportunity to exercise their constitutional right to vote.

As Deputy Vice-Chair of the CVRC, she said, “One of our most sacred rights in this country is the right to vote.” She continued, “Our country should make it easier for people to vote, not harder. I joined

the Congressional Voting Rights Caucus because as a nation we cannot tolerate voting discrimination or suppression of any kind.”

The goal of the Congressional Voting Rights Caucus is to educate the public on the current voter laws in their home states, districts, and counties; to inform constituencies on their rights as voters; and to create and advance voter-friendly legislation.



Beatty speaks at a press conference in front of the Capitol for the newly established Congressional Voting Rights Caucus. (May 24, 2016)

BEATTY INTRODUCES TWO NEW BILLS ON CREDIT SCORES AND HOUSING

In April, Beatty authored two pieces of legislation: the Free Credit Score Act of 2016, H.R. 5058, and the Jumpstart Housing Opportunities Utilizing Small Enterprises (HOUSE) Act, H.R. 5144.

[The Free Credit Score Act of 2016](#), if enacted, would require a consumer’s credit score to be included on an individual’s free, annual credit report.

Her other bill, the [Jumpstart HOUSE Act](#), would reauthorize the State Small Business Credit Initiative (SSBCI) for an additional eight years

with \$1.5 billion in new funding. The bill requires unobligated SSBCI funds, the lesser of \$2.5 million or 10 percent, to be set aside for small businesses to purchase, rehabilitate or

operate affordable housing units.

The SSBCI disperses funds to participating states who award funding for state-sponsored venture capital programs.

DISTRICT GRANT HIGHLIGHTS

\$2,456,998

The Lower Light Christian Health Center, Inc. will use Health Resources and Services Administration funds to improve the overall health of Central Ohioans.

\$2,082,145

Ryan White Part A HIV Emergency Relief Grant Program awarded to the City of Columbus. This grant will be used to increase low-income individuals’ and families’ access to high quality, community-based care.

\$2,209,342

The YMCA of Central Ohio was awarded an Administration for Children and Families’ grant. Funds will be used for Head Start programs offered by the YMCA of Central Ohio.

\$40,000

The Greater Columbus Arts Council will use National Endowment for the Arts grant monies to raise awareness of the artistic talent in Columbus and the wide array of arts and cultural organizations.



Beatty met with The Ohio State University (OSU) and the Women’s Heart Alliance (WHA) to discuss their new partnership. Left to right: British Robinson (CEO, WHA), Dr. Bernadette Melnyk (Dean of the College of Nursing, OSU), Rep. Beatty (OH-03), Dr. Michael Drake (President, OSU), and Dr. Holly Andersen (Medical Advisor, WHA). (Archived photo, February 26, 2016.)

THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCES NEW PARTNERSHIP

In Congress, Beatty, a stroke survivor, is a leader in the fight against heart disease and stroke—introducing bills, e.g. H.R. 4560, to increase stroke research, prevention and treatment funding. She is now lending her voice in support of a new, groundbreaking partnership to screen and educate college-aged women about heart disease: the number one killer of women.

The incidence of heart disease is increasing fastest among young women, yet the disease is still considered a “silent killer.” Beatty strongly believes the partnership between The Ohio State University and the [Women’s Heart Alliance](#) will help increase awareness and encourage much-needed Congressional action on heart disease and stroke.