

Getting to Know the District: Highlighting Gahanna, Ohio

Gahanna, Ohio is located along the banks of the Big Walnut Creek in northeast Franklin County. One of 29 municipalities that make up Ohio's Third Congressional District, Gahanna was founded by John Clark in 1849, after his father purchased 800 acres of land from former Governor Thomas Worthington. The city's name is derived from a Native American word for 'three in one,' which also happens to be inscribed on Gahanna's official seal.

Named one of the 'Best Hometowns' by Ohio Magazine, approximately 33,000 people call Gahanna home. Today, the city has more than 750 acres of parkland, 17.1 miles

of trails, and countless small businesses. The city is also in the midst of several strategic plans to improve job opportunities, government services, community satisfaction, and economic development.

As the Member of Congress for Ohio's Third Congressional District, Congresswoman Beatty salutes city officials for their work to grow Gahanna's thriving business community. In the past, she has been a guest at the Gahanna Community Improvement Corporation's Annual Groundhog Day Economic Forecast Breakfast as well as many other local events, and she is committed to helping constituents resolve problems with their Social Security, Medicare, VA, and many other federally-related issues.



On January 29, 2019, Congresswoman Beatty meets Gahanna Jefferson Public Schools Board President Beryl Brown Piccolantonio to talk about the importance of high-quality education and the need to expand federal funding for our nation's public schools.



Creekside Park and Plaza in Gahanna, Ohio. (February 11, 2019)

Calling All High School Students for the 2019 Congressional Art Competition

High school artists who reside in the Third Congressional District of Ohio can submit their artwork to my District Office until April 16th. If you would like more information or have any questions, please contact Arts Competition Coordinator Trenton Weaver at 614-220-0003.



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As the new Democratically-led Congress begins its work to deliver real results for the middle-class and hardworking families, U.S. Congresswoman Joyce Beatty (OH-03) was recently named Chair of the Financial Services Committee's newly-established Diversity and Inclusion Subcommittee, Vice-Chair of the Congressional Black Caucus, and member of the select Joint Economic Committee.

"In order for the economy to work for everyone, we must embrace and harness the skills and talents of individuals from every background. As Chair of the Diversity and Inclusion Subcommittee, I will bring about change by working with my fellow members, government entities, and the entire financial services industry to create more ladders of opportunity and safeguard against artificial barriers and ceilings. In my role as vice-chair of the Congressional Black Caucus—also known as the 'Conscience of Congress'—I will focus on protecting and expanding the right to vote, addressing economic inequality, and fighting for high-quality, affordable healthcare and education for my constituents and Americans everywhere."

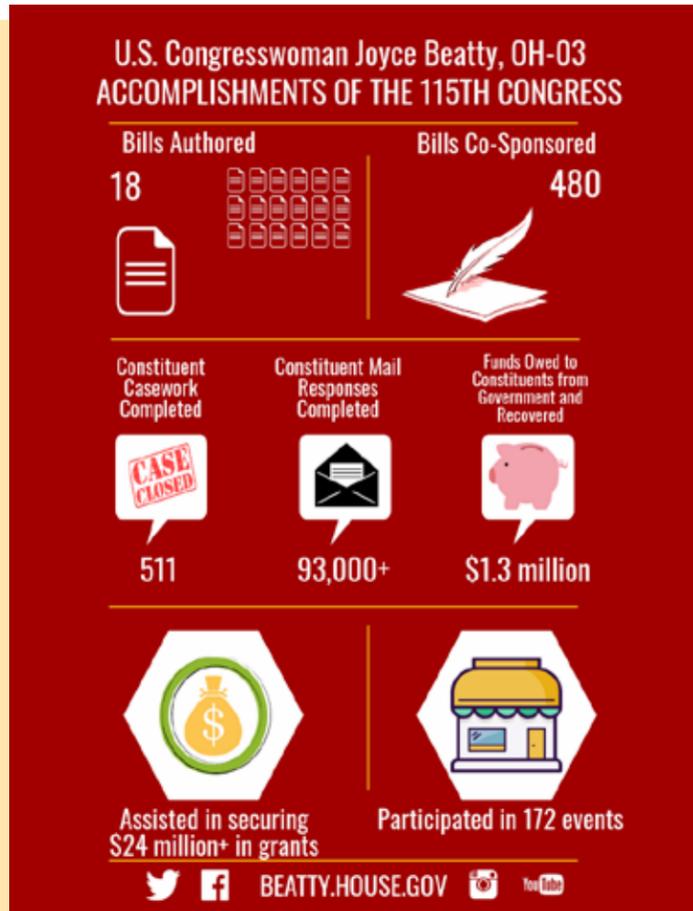


On February 27, 2019, Congresswoman Beatty chairs the first hearing for the Financial Services Diversity and Inclusion Subcommittee entitled "Diversity Trends in the Financial Services Industry."

Highlighting 2017-2018: Accomplishments from the 115th Congress

During her third term in Congress (2017-2018), Congresswoman Beatty worked tirelessly to advance and meet the needs of her constituents in the Third Congressional District of Ohio.

In addition to introducing 18 bills and resolutions, she cosponsored 480 other pieces of legislation and helped recover more than \$1.3 million in funds owed to constituents. Please review the "Accomplishments of the 115th Congress" infographic (to the right) for more highlights.



In the Community: Community Leaders Forum and Habitat for Humanity



Congresswoman Beatty speaks with Mayor of Columbus Andrew Ginther, Mayor of Bexley Ben Kessler, Central Ohio Transit Authority (COTA) President and CEO Joanna Pinkerton, The Ohio State University President Michael Drake, and constituents about her work to improve the community's public transportation network at her Community Leaders Forum in Honor of Rosa Parks. During the December 3rd Forum, it was announced that High Street, between Broad and Gay Streets, will be renamed "Rosa Parks Way."



Pictured above, Congresswoman Beatty welcomes the Ismail family to their new home to discuss the importance of expanding affordable housing and ensuring more Central Ohioans have the opportunity to achieve the American Dream. (October 27, 2018)

Ensuring Equal Pay for Equal Work

Women's History Month is an appropriate time to help raise awareness about pay inequality for all women. Accordingly, Congresswoman Beatty signed on as an original cosponsor of the Paycheck Fairness Act, H.R. 7, on January 30, 2019.

Women today earn 20 percent less than their male peers for doing the same work, according to a 2017 report by the American Association of University Women (AAUW). The Paycheck Fairness Act, if passed, would build upon the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act (Pub.L. 111-2) to provide more remedies to victims of paycheck discrimination on the basis of sex, end the practice of pay secrecy, and hold employers accountable for discriminatory practices.

"It is shameful that women today earn only 80 cents for every dollar earned by their male counterparts performing the exact same job. That is why Congress has a responsibility to make pay equality a reality by passing the Paycheck Fairness Act. When women are given a level playing field, companies benefit, families prosper, communities grow, and our economy is stronger. When women succeed, America succeeds!"



Congresswoman Beatty joins Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi to introduce the Paycheck Fairness Act. (January 30, 2019)

Beatty Reintroduces Three Bipartisan Bills

This quarter, Congresswoman Beatty is championing and reintroducing three bipartisan bills aimed at providing greater assistance to veterans and victims of human trafficking. The bills are: the Housing Our Military Servicemembers (HOMES) Act, H.R. 715; the Homeless Veterans Legal Services Act, H.R. 716; and the Trafficking Victims Housing Act, H.R. 508.

The HOMES Act, if enacted, would add 'former servicemembers' on the Department of Housing and Urban Development's list of subpopulations eligible for homeless assistance, giving community organizations and local government agencies access to additional funds to address veteran homelessness. The Homeless Veterans Legal Services Act would allow the VA to partner with public and private entities to increase legal services for homeless veterans and those at risk of homelessness.

"Ensuring that veterans are able to access the services they need to move out of homelessness is a small piece of the larger commitment we must make to those who served our country," Beatty said. "My bills reaffirm that promise to those brave men and women who answered the call to serve in our Armed Forces, and I am proud to lead this bipartisan effort in Congress."

The Trafficking Victims Housing Act would require a federal study be conducted to assess the availability and accessibility of housing and related services for victims of trafficking who are experiencing homelessness and those at risk.

"Human trafficking is a scourge on our nation and our world. That is why we as a nation must continue working together to provide justice and greater support for victims and their families." Beatty continued, "Significant progress has been made in the fight to combat human trafficking, but the bipartisan effort to ultimately end it continues."

