

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF MRS. DORIS MARGARET WARD

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 17, 2018

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of a passionate civil rights activist, committed community servant, and my dear friend—Doris Margaret Ward. She embodied the ideal of what it means to be a true public servant and to selflessly give of her time and talents for the betterment of others.

The Honorable Doris Ward graduated from Froebel High School, of Gary, Indiana, where she mastered the art of debating, helping her debate team win a championship while serving as team leader. She, later, earned both her Bachelor's and Master's Degrees in Education from the University of Indiana. She continued her education by earning a Master's Degree in Counseling from the San Francisco State University of California. It was there that her passion for social activism blossomed as she joined other students during sit-in protests. This experience led her to become the President of the Indianapolis National Association for the Advancement of Colored People's (NAACP) Metropolitan Council.

Doris also taught in the Indianapolis School District before marrying a law student by the name of John Ward. After moving to San Francisco in 1968, she became a Trustee of the San Francisco Community College District.

Later on, in 1979, Doris was elected to the San Francisco Board of Supervisors. Eleven short years later, she became the San Francisco Board of Supervisors' first African American President.

In 1996, Doris was first appointed to, and then elected as the San Francisco County Assessor Recorder. She retired in 2006 with a remarkable, long-term record of political activism. Doris is a Founding Member of the San Francisco Chapter of 100 Black Women Incorporated, and Black Women Stirring the Waters. She led the African-American Action Network and served as Board Vice President of the Black Coalition on AIDS, which later became the Rafiki Coalition for Health and Wellness. Of Mrs. Ward's numerous accomplishments and accolades, what brought her the most joy was her sponsorship and co-sponsorship of legislation governing minority businesses, rent control mandates for San Francisco apartment vacancies, and the divestiture in South Africa's apartheid.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the entire Ward family, Mrs. Ward's friends, and her admirers. There are many whose lives were greatly enhanced by the endless service, the profound graciousness, and the pure love that she carried in her heart and soul. It is my hope that the outpouring of love that surrounds her loved ones gives you all the strength to embrace each coming day with a spirit of strength and peace.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to again formally recognize Mrs. Doris Ward's 86 years of life and the tremendous impact she has had throughout. Her record of political and social activism is only superseded by her incredible

compassion to fight for those that could not fight for themselves. I ask all my colleagues to join me in celebrating her life and in honoring the outstanding legacy she has left for all of us to remember her by.

CONGRATULATING THE JOHNSON HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER TEAM

HON. DOUG COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

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Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Johnson High School boys' soccer team on winning the state title. This honor marks the first state championship in the program's history.

A few years ago, the Knights suffered a tough defeat in the 2014 championship game, and, in 2016, a loss in the first round of the playoffs prevented the team from advancing to the title match up.

Seeking redemption, the Knights powered through the playoffs and earned a rematch against McIntosh High School, a team that bested the Knights during the regular season.

This victory testifies to the team's determination and the support they've received from Gainesville residents.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to congratulate the Knights on their hard-earned success, and I look forward to seeing what next season has in store for this team.