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**STONEWALL DALLAS PRAISES SERVICE OF
CONGRESSWOMAN EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON**



DALLAS, TX (Nov 22, 2021) — Over the weekend, Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson, who represents Congressional District 30 in Dallas County, announced her retirement after fifteen terms in the U.S. Congress.

Congresswoman Johnson's accomplishments have made her legendary. The first black woman elected to public office in Dallas, she won her seat in the Texas House in a landslide in 1972. She is also the first black person and the first woman to chair the House Science, Space and Technology Committee. She used her position to address climate change as a real, human-created, and scientifically-backed existential threat in her first hearing as Chair of the Committee. She also emphasized the importance of STEM education and has been committed to ensuring that scientific fields are inclusive and diverse.

Due to her seniority and widespread influence, Congresswoman Johnson has been the most powerful member of the Texas delegation to Congress. She founded the Diversity and Innovation Caucus. She also chaired the powerful Congressional Black Caucus, and was a co-chair of the Congressional Homelessness Caucus. She is also considered to be one of the most productive members of the House of Congresswomen, authoring and co-authoring over 175 bills that were passed by both chambers of Congress and signed into law. As Chair of the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, for example, she sponsored the Water Resources Development Act, and when President George W. Bush vetoed the bill, she was the leader who drove Congress to override the veto.

Additionally, Congresswoman Johnson is acknowledged for providing outstanding resources and services to her constituents and the City of Dallas, often by working bipartisanly with Republicans to obtain funding and support for the people of North Texas. She ensured federal funding of much of DART's expansion, delivered money for the Greater Downtown Dallas Master Plan, and funded protection from flooding for Dallas. She also allocated federal dollars for streetlights, traffic signals, and parks in her district and delivered funding for infrastructure improvements.

Stonewall Democrats of Dallas thank Congresswoman Johnson for her nearly thirty years of tireless service to Dallas County and the country. Additionally, we thank her for her friendship and support of Stonewall Dallas and the broader LGBTQ+ community.

Stonewall Democrats of Dallas was founded in 1996 by local activists. Our membership numbers in the hundreds including former and current elected officials. We are one of the largest political organizations in Dallas County and one of the largest chapters of Stonewall Democrats in the United States.

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