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The Honorable Eddie Bernice Johnson,  
United States House of Representatives, Texas District 30  
1511 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Madam;

I am writing to draw your attention to an outstanding young woman who resides in your Congressional District. I have come to know her through her volunteer work for the North Texas Veterans Administration Hospital over the past several years.

The young lady's name is Davetta O. Carter. This past spring she graduated from the A. Maceo Smith High School. Her academic standing was 9<sup>th</sup> in a class of 227 students. While attending A. Maceo Smith High, she participated in the soccer and track teams, was elected Miss A. Maceo Smith for the 2006-7 school year and participated in Jr. ROTC where she achieved the rank of Unit Executive Officer (Lieutenant Commander). She also performed volunteer work for her family's church, and over the past four years volunteered over 800 hours at the VA Hospital.

Davetta turned 18 years of age in August, 2007.

This fall Davetta is attending Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches, Texas, carrying 16 credit hours. She is pursuing a degree in broadcast journalism.

During her high school years, Davetta resided with her mother and grandmother at 32xx Dahlia Ct., Dallas, TX 75216. That remains her residence, and I have encouraged her to register to vote at that address, and to vote by mail while she is attending college.

A number military veterans who have gotten to know Davetta over the past few years at the VA Hospital (primarily Marine veterans belonging to local detachments of the Marine Corps League) recently raised \$1000 to assist her with this fall semester's expenses. We are also seeking additional financial support for her, and that is the second reason for this letter.

Would it be possible for you to help us identify sources of support, funding and encouragement for Davetta and help her to pursue them?

Sincerely,

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