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House Bill 2667, House Bill 2208, and either Senate Bill 986 or Senate Bill 683 to protect, maintain and dramatically improve Oklahoma's economically vital interstate and highway infrastructure."

FORMER GOVERNOR HENRY BELLMON REVISITS HOUSE FLOOR

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■(GIT) House Lawmakers today received a surprise visit from an unexpected guest. Former Governor and U.S. Senator Henry Bellmon was invited by Speaker Glen Johnson to briefly address the House.

"I think I am most famous for speeches that put people to sleep, so sit back and enjoy a nap," Bellmon said jokingly. On a serious note however, he continued by saying, "The highlight of my life has been coming before this house, as both a member and as the governor of Oklahoma. I hope you are all proud of your government and the role each of you play."

"When I look around, and see how well you are all doing, it's because of the wise decisions you all have made as lawmakers."

"This is a great place and a great place to serve your constituents. The people of Oklahoma appreciate what you do."

After his brief address, the former Governor made time to meet with individual members.

THE UNITED STATES JUNIOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NAMES OKLAHOMA'S J.C.WATTS ONE OF TEN OUTSTANDING YOUNG AMERICANS FOR 1996

From United States Junior Chamber of Commerce

■(WASHINGTON) The USJCC have announced the ten outstanding young Americans for 1996. Among them is Oklahoma's own J.C. Watts Jr., 38, of Eufaula. Watts is a former Oklahoma University football player and Canadian Football League player who became the first African-American Republican since Reconstruction to be elected to the U.S. House of Representatives from a state south of the Mason-Dixon line. Oklahoma is proud to have one of its own, listed as one of ten in the United States receiving this great honor.

Others named with Mr. Watts include: Jon Christensen, Omaha, Nebraska, one of youngest congressmen in United States history; Charles E. Davis, Nashville, Tennessee, a former professional basketball player, who created the Charles Davis Foundation designed to help inner-city youth rise above their circumstances; Robin Louann Davis, Opp, Alabama, a legal secretary, substitute teacher and shelter coordinator, who has become a fiery advocate for the victims of domestic violence; John Ingram deLashment, Jr., High Point, North Carolina, who used his professional abilities to advance an array of charitable ventures; Scott F. O'Grady, Seattle, Washington, who demonstrated miraculous courage and ingenuity after his aircraft was shot down over northern Bosnia; Harold Craig Reynolds, Eugene, Oregon, a former professional baseball player who created the Harold Reynolds Childrens' Foundation, designed to help teenagers hang on to their dreams and keep their lives on track; Neil Smith, Kansas City, Missouri, who overcame dyslexia to become a dominant defensive player for the Kansas City Chiefs and is a national spokesperson for the "Yes I Can!" Foundation; Susan Leigh Still, Augusta, Georgia, an astronaut and one of the first women in history to pilot the space shuttle; Theodore Waitt, Sioux City, Iowa, who revolutionized the marketing of home computers by offering customers value and service.

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