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RE: Endorsement of *Hidden Figures Congressional Gold Medal Act*

This memo confirms that Women in Aerospace (WIA) strongly supports H.R. 1396, the *Hidden Figures Congressional Gold Medal Act*. This bill was drafted to address the need to recognize and honor the women working as computers, mathematicians, and engineers at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and its precursor organization, the National Committee for Aeronautics (NACA), from the 1930s to the 1970s.

This bill led by Representative Eddie Bernice Johnson is an excellent step in the right direction towards women's equality. It is imperative that we continue to find ways to honor the individuals involved and educate the public on women's roles throughout our country's history and how through each major event the nation has experienced, there have been women behind them to influence their direction. As we are even experiencing a momentous shift in our current culture, credited to the influence of very brave women, we need to find ways to celebrate the accomplishments of women from the past and present that will surely be felt for generations to come.

Women in Aerospace is pleased to endorse the *Hidden Figures Congressional Gold Medal Act*.

Women in Aerospace (WIA) is dedicated to increasing the leadership capabilities and visibility of women in the aerospace community. We acknowledge and promote innovative individuals who strive to advance the aerospace industry as a whole. Our membership, comprised of both women and men, share a passion for a broad spectrum of aerospace issues. To learn more about WIA, visit our website at: www.womeninaerospace.org

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