

plant jobs, 66 related jobs are created in the local community.

These plants are among the largest taxpayers in their communities, typically contributing tens of millions of dollars in local taxes. For years, the Davis-Besse plant in my District, generated \$20 million a year in tax revenue for Ottawa County, of which \$12.1 million went to the school district.

This bill proposes to offer these communities adjustment support to soften the blow of the significant revenue losses that will harm local communities by infusing federal payments on a gliding path over eight years to eligible local governments—should the worst happen. The funding will provide 80 percent of the lost revenues during the first year and will decrease by 10 percent per year for the remaining years of eligibility.

Let me be clear. We are not giving up on Davis-Besse, nor should we easily give up on other nuclear power plants around the country. Nuclear power provides the large majority of clean energy in this country. And from a national security perspective, we must consider the impact of the anticipated closure on our Nation's nuclear supply chain—that absolutely includes highly trained people and technologies.

Ohioans don't give up. It is in our history. During the Battle of Lake Erie, Commander Oliver Hazard Perry, who is memorialized at Perry's Monument just a few miles from Davis-Besse, unfurled a flag that read "Don't Give Up the Ship." Well we are not giving up and we plan to keep fighting for the community and those impacted by the future of Davis-Besse.

But should the worst happen, I urge my colleagues to support this bill, and to consider the toll this will have on communities. Schools, roads, law enforcement and other fundamental civil services that people need will be gutted. This is not an isolated problem facing the people of Northern Ohio, but dozens of other communities are facing the prospect of closures of plants across this nation.

We owe them our best effort to provide a pathway for recovery should the worst happen.

INTRODUCTION OF HIDDEN FIGURES CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL ACT

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 13, 2018

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, today I am joined by my good friend from Oklahoma, Representative FRANK LUCAS, in introducing the Hidden Figures Congressional Gold Medal Act. The contributions of women mathematicians and engineers to the warfighting effort during World War II and the nation's space program have for too long gone unrecognized. While hundreds of women helped bring about one of the nation's crowning technological achievements, landing the first man on the moon, their names are largely lost to history.

From the 1930s to the 1970s, women at NASA and its precursor organization, NACA, submitted their work anonymously, were paid less than their male peers, and had few op-

portunities for career advancement. In addition, women of color working in the West Area Computing Unit were initially subjected to the indignity of segregated bathrooms, dining facilities, and water fountains.

The popular book by Margot Lee Shetterly, entitled *Hidden Figures*, and the subsequent film adaptation, have finally helped bring their incredible and inspiring stories to light. Despite the numerous challenges they faced, women like Katherine Johnson, Mary Jackson, Dorothy Vaughan, and Christine Darden persevered. Their accomplishments will, I hope, inspire young girls to consider careers in STEM fields. The positive attention being paid to their individual stories and the stories of the hundreds of women working alongside them is well deserved and long overdue.

This bill will bestow Congress's highest civilian honor in appreciation of the achievements of Katherine Johnson, Mary Jackson, Dorothy Vaughan, Christine Darden, and all the women mathematicians and engineers at NACA and NASA who devoted their talents in service to the nation during this important time in our history.

I want to thank Senator COONS for his leadership in championing the effort to honor these women in the Senate with his legislation, S. 3321. Our bill builds on Senator COONS' bill by extending the honor to the hundreds of lesser-known women who worked alongside the four women made famous by the *Hidden Figures* book and movie.

While I am grateful that this book and movie have shone a light on these women and their experiences, I think it's important to acknowledge that the term *Hidden Figures* is a bit misleading. These women and their talents were never hidden from us. As is far too often the case when women—and especially women of color—are involved, we as a society chose to overlook them.

I urge my colleagues to join us in rectifying this oversight and help us give these women the recognition they deserve.

RECOGNIZING THE CAPTAIN AND CREW OF THE "CARNIVAL ELATION"

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 13, 2018

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to the captain and crew of the *Carnival Elation* for their incredible bravery during the rescue of a fishing boat stranded in the Gulf of Mexico during Hurricane Irma last year. Their mettle will be honored this week by the Association for Rescue at Sea.

While undergoing routine maintenance and the replacement of its bridge navigation system in Freeport, Bahamas, the *Carnival Elation* began monitoring a storm developing off the coast of Western Africa. When the storm quickly grew to a Category 5 hurricane and it became clear that its path would likely lead directly over the Bahamas, the decision was made to move the ship and seek shelter in the Gulf of Mexico.

While sailing away from Hurricane Irma's path, the *Elation* received a relayed distress message from the U.S. Coast Guard alerting

them that a fishing boat, the Captain Eddie, was taking on water approximately 60 nautical miles to their east and that two crewmembers were in dire need of assistance. *Elation* Captain Gaetano Gigliotti and his crew immediately set out to assist in the rescue, while the Coast Guard planned to provide a helicopter in support of the effort. The *Elation* navigated through treacherous conditions, facing 15–20-foot waves and sustaining winds of 40 knots, gusting at times to well over 60 knots. Despite these conditions, and without normal comprehensive bridge systems and communications equipment due to their early evacuation, the *Elation* stayed the course, only to be informed shortly before arriving at the struggling fishing boat that the USCG could no longer provide helicopter assistance due to the dangerous wind conditions.

Nearing the fishing boat, Captain Gigliotti decided it was too dangerous to allow an *Elation* rescue ship to pick up the fishermen and instead chose to move the *Elation* closer to the life raft to facilitate a rescue through a single open door in the hull. The Captain skillfully maneuvered the 70,000+ ton, 260+ meter *Elation* at slow speed in the heavy winds and seas, successfully positioning the ship alongside the life raft. Ignoring the potential risk to their own lives, several *Elation* deck team members were able to successfully bring the sole survivor on board using a harness and hoisting line. Unfortunately, the *Elation* crew quickly learned from the survivor that his fellow crewmembers had refused to abandon ship and were lost when the fishing vessel rapidly sank. The *Elation* medical team took excellent care of the survivor, facilitated contact with his family and coordinated with the U.S. embassy to ensure his timely return to the United States after the ship returned to the Bahamas.

We thank Captain Gigliotti and the entire *Elation* crew for their bravery in coming to the rescue of this fishing boat and its crew. Their courage in the face of extreme conditions, even placing their own lives at risk to save the lives of others, stands as an example of true heroism. I am pleased their efforts have been recognized by the Association for the Rescue at Sea and that they have been awarded the 2019 Cruise Ship Humanitarian Assistance Award. They also were honored by the International Maritime Organization with its 2018 Award for Exceptional Bravery at Sea.

As a founder and chair of the Florida Ports Caucus and proud representative of PortMiami, which is known as the "Cruise Capital of the World," it is my honor to recognize the captain and crew of the *Carnival Elation*.

RECOGNIZING MR. MATTHEW SUMMERS FOR RECEIVING A PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FROM THE HEALTHSOUTH REHABILITATION HOSPITAL OF ALTOONA

HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 13, 2018

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Matt Summers of Claysburg, PA, one of the winners of the 25th annual Personal Achievement Award from the