

is in a death spiral. Now we are on a rescue mission. The President and our replacement bill repeals the ObamaCare mandates and taxes, but preserves three important protections:

One, we don't allow denying coverage or charging patients more with pre-existing conditions.

Two, we don't allow insurers to charge women more for being women.

Three, we allow children to stay on their parents' plan until age 26.

Going forward, we bend the cost curve downward by decentralizing health care, promoting competition, and expanding HSAs. We make health care more affordable by providing tax credits, creating value pools, and more judiciously redirecting Medicaid dollars back to those who need it most: children, elderly, and those with disabilities.

BOB LEVINSON'S FAMILY DESERVES ANSWERS

(Mr. DEUTCH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DEUTCH. Mr. Speaker, today, March 9, marks 10 years since my constituent Bob Levinson disappeared in Iran. I had hoped that I would not have to come to the floor today to mark this day or to introduce another resolution on Bob. I had hoped that Bob would be home in south Florida with his wife, his seven children—one of whom is with us today—and his six grandchildren. Bob should be home in time to see his two new grandchildren born later this year.

Ten years is too long. This family deserves answers. Iran must stop playing games, promising to assist finding Bob, agreeing last year to open a new dedicated channel for Bob's case, only time and time again refusing to follow through. Iran must provide meaningful information that will bring Bob home. This new administration must press Iran at every opportunity. I stand ready to work with them and with anyone who is committed to bringing Bob back home to his family where he belongs.

DRIVING DOWN HEALTHCARE COSTS

(Mr. FERGUSON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. FERGUSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the American Health Care Act. For 25 years, I practiced dentistry in Georgia's Third District, and I saw firsthand a healthcare system in need of reform to reduce costs and increase access to care.

After ObamaCare was signed into law, these problems only got worse. I saw my patients, friends, and neighbors forced away from their doctors that they trusted. Instead of decreasing costs, patients saw their premiums

skyrocket, their deductibles skyrocket, and their access to care limited. As a healthcare provider, I want to do what is best for my patients. I committed to them that I would come to Congress to repeal ObamaCare and undo the damage that it has done to our healthcare system.

The legislation we are currently considering in the House, the American Health Care Act, is just the first step toward keeping that promise. By passing this legislation, we begin to move the ball down the field and gain yardage rather than continuing to lose ground. This is not our only play. It is the first step in beginning to drive down costs and increasing access to care for patients.

This legislation will keep our promise to repeal ObamaCare and eliminate the government mandates that force people to purchase a product that they don't want. It will allow patients the freedom to make their own healthcare decisions and drive down their costs.

REPEALING THE ACA HURTS MY DISTRICT

(Mr. EVANS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. EVANS. Mr. Speaker, I want to share with you what repealing the Affordable Care Act means to Pennsylvania's Second Congressional District:

369,000 people who receive health care from their employers could lose consumer protections;

335,000 people with health coverage that covers preventive care services could lose their coverage;

62,000 people covered by Medicaid expansion could lose their coverage;

21,000 people who receive financial assistance will be at greater risk of not being able to afford coverage.

These are our mothers and fathers, brothers and sisters, sons and daughters, and friends and neighbors. Philadelphia deserves a healthcare law that offers quality, affordable care. We must continue to speak up and speak out against the new healthcare law that hurts so many people in our city, our State, and our Nation.

HONORING SARA WOODS

(Mr. BACON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BACON. Mr. Speaker, in honor of Women's History Month, I recognize a dedicated public servant from Nebraska. Sara Woods' contributions to our community as an educator, volunteer, and leader serve as a model for current and future generations across our Nation.

Mrs. Woods has lived a life of service and inspiration impacting the community with her dedication. Throughout her educational career, she has encouraged her students to be engaged learn-

ers. Sara was crucial in the creation of many service organizations whose purpose is to equip, train, and encourage young leaders to serve their communities. She currently serves on the boards of several nonprofits in Omaha and works to improve conditions for youth, women, and the homeless.

In recognition of her service, she received the University of Nebraska Omaha Chancellor's Award in 2005 and the YWCA Women of Distinction award in 2009.

Sara now oversees the operation of the Barbara Weitz Community Engagement Center. She was involved in the creation and development of this institute, which works to combine great ideas and organizations with the boundless energy of the University of Nebraska Omaha campus.

Mrs. Woods has helped cultivate the same passion for service in others and fostered stronger bonds within our community and beyond. We would do well to adopt her inspiring passion for public service.

HONORING VAIL TOWN MANAGER STAN ZEMLER

(Mr. POLIS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. POLIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor that I rise before this body to recognize Mr. Stan Zemler of Vail, Colorado, who is leaving local government service after a career of over 30 years in our great State of Colorado.

Mr. Zemler served as the town of Vail's manager for the past 13 years. Before that, as the city of Boulder's acting and deputy city manager, as the Boulder Urban Renewal Authority's executive director, and as the CEO of the Boulder Chamber of Commerce, where I met Stan almost 20 years ago. What a terrific career with positive impacts on both Boulder County and Eagle County, two very important counties in my district.

Stan's leadership is about community partnering and consensus building. He really worked hard with various agencies, including Federal, State, local government, with the U.S. Forest Service, and the Department of Transportation to enhance Vail's local community, international guest services and amenities, and strengthened its economic position as a sustainable international resort.

He has been active in working with others in the I-70 Coalition and Colorado Association of Ski Towns. He has won numerous awards for his service. He will be missed in Eagle County for his service. We remember him fondly in Boulder County.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise to pay tribute to Stan Zemler on behalf of the residents of the Second Congressional District and myself personally. His distinguished service to the town of Vail and municipal government is an important legacy for many years to come.