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Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that American small businesses are entitled to a Small Business Bill of Rights.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KELLER (for himself and Mr. CRAMER) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Small Business

RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that American small businesses are entitled to a Small Business Bill of Rights.

Whereas more than 90 percent of all American employers are small businesses;

Whereas small businesses generate approximately 70 percent of the new jobs created in the United States each year;

Whereas small businesses are crucial to the American economy and account for a significant majority of new product ideas and innovations;

Whereas small businesses, together with innovation and entrepreneurship, are central to the American dream of self-improvement and individual achievement;

Whereas 60 percent of the 45,000,000 Americans without health insurance are small business employees and their families;

Whereas most small businesses do not provide health insurance to their employees, primarily because of the surging cost;

Whereas the death tax causes one-third of all family-owned small businesses to liquidate after the death of the owner;

Whereas frivolous lawsuits and the rising costs of liability insurance represent serious threats to small business owners;

Whereas burdensome regulations and paperwork cost small businesses more than \$5,500 per employee; and

Whereas Congress can help small businesses grow by establishing a climate to encourage small businesses to create jobs and offer more affordable health insurance to employees: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the House of Rep-
2 resentatives that American small businesses are entitled
3 to the following Small Business Bill of Rights:

4 (1) The right to join together to purchase af-
5 fordable health insurance for small business employ-
6 ees, who make up a large portion of the millions of
7 Americans without health care coverage.

8 (2) The right to tax laws that allow family-
9 owned small businesses to survive over several gen-
10 erations and offer them incentives to grow.

1 (3) The right to be free from frivolous lawsuits
2 which harm law-abiding small businesses and pre-
3 vent them from creating new jobs.

4 (4) The right to be free of unnecessary, restric-
5 tive regulations and paperwork which waste the time
6 and energy of small businesses while hurting produc-
7 tion and preventing job creation.

