

Mr. BUCSHON. Mr. Speaker, many of us have come here to the floor to share with the country and our colleagues statistics and data demonstrating how ObamaCare is failing patients. We have shown the numbers related to skyrocketing premiums and deductibles and reduction of patient choice.

Today, I want to share what my constituents are saying about their firsthand experiences with ObamaCare. From comments we have received:

My deductible went from \$250 to \$2,500.

Our deductible skyrocketed to double the amount we were paying. Plus, it provided fewer options.

Our premiums have skyrocketed. We had few options from plans. We had to switch doctors.

We own a pharmacy. We see many with high premiums who can't afford the very things they need.

Cost of insurance keeps going up. It has never gone down.

I don't have insurance. It is too expensive, and I have kids to feed.

Mr. Speaker, the status quo under ObamaCare is unacceptable. It would be irresponsible and unethical not to act.

Our plan, House Republicans, will bring families relief by repealing and replacing the Affordable Care Act with reforms that lower costs and expand access to quality affordable health care to all of our citizens.

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BLACK HISTORY MONTH

(Ms. ADAMS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. ADAMS. As an African-American woman and a Member of Congress, I know I stand on the shoulders of giants.

My election would not have been possible without the efforts of Maya Angelou, Shirley Chisholm, Fannie Lou Hamer, Sojourner Truth, Rosa Parks, and many other heroes who came before me. These women championed civil rights and women's rights and fought oppression so that African-American women could have a voice in politics.

When I was elected, I became the 100th woman to serve in the 114th Congress, the 20th woman in the Congressional Black Caucus, and only the second African-American woman to represent North Carolina in Congress. That night was a historic win for women, but it was particularly special for African-American women.

Shirley Chisholm once said: "Women must become revolutionary. There cannot be evolution but revolution."

At a time when the President's Cabinet does not include a single African-American woman and just one African-American woman in the Senate, we are reminded that there is still much work to do.

If this administration will not make a place for us, we will make one for

ourselves. It is time to stand up, speak up, and make our voices heard.

MOMENT OF SILENCE HONORING QUENTIN MOSES

(Mr. JODY B. HICE of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. JODY B. HICE of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Quentin Moses, a 10th District native, a star athlete, and a dedicated coach who tragically passed away in a house fire this past Sunday morning.

I pray and grieve for the family and friends of Quentin, as well as the family of Andria Godard and her daughter, Jasmine, who also lost their lives.

Mr. Speaker, Quentin Moses grew up in my home district in Athens, Georgia. He attended Cedar Shoals High School, starting his career as a defensive standout. He went on to play for the University of Georgia, was named first-team All-SEC on the Bulldogs' 2005 SEC Championship team. Following that, he spent 4 years in the NFL as a linebacker. He returned to our community in 2012, where he started coaching student-athletes at Reinhardt University in Waleska, Georgia.

Mr. Speaker, Quentin's positive impact on the community was evident by the outpouring of love and condolences by coaches, players, and fans.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to rise and join me for a moment of silence to honor the lives of Quentin Moses and Andria and Jasmine Godard—precious lives lost too soon.

GENERAL FLYNN

(Ms. JUDY CHU of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JUDY CHU of California. Mr. Speaker, this week, after news came out that General Flynn lied to the people and even to the Vice President, Donald Trump was forced to fire yet another adviser because of their inappropriate ties to Russia.

That brings the total since he first launched his campaign to at least three. This includes former campaign chairman, Paul Manafort, who resigned after secret records showed he worked with, and profited from, the corrupt pro-Russian Government in Ukraine before it was ousted.

As we suspected, it turns out that Trump's campaign was in near constant contact with Russia.

Now we ask the questions: Why? Did Trump know? How will these secret talks influence our foreign policy?

We deserve answers. Republicans have said that they don't want to politicize this, and I agree. That is why I support an independent investigation conducted by experts who will provide a more public report.

We have a responsibility to the people to unearth the truth.

OPIOID ABUSE EPIDEMIC

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

Mr. MAST. Mr. Speaker, I rise today because the opioid abuse epidemic continues to worsen across this country.

In Florida alone, heroin and fentanyl deaths have risen by nearly 80 percent. Local governments in Florida are responding as best they can with their limited resources, but they cannot solve the problem alone. The 18th District of Florida includes parts of Palm Beach County, where my colleague, LOIS FRANKEL, resides, which is one of the hardest hit counties in the State. In 2016, the county received more than 4,000 overdose calls, and there were approximately 500 opioid-related deaths.

Mr. Speaker, our Nation's veterans are uniquely vulnerable to this crisis. We must never forget our responsibility to these brave men and women to ensure that, when they leave the battlefield overseas, they aren't left to fight their personal battles here at home all alone.

I commend Congress for passing legislation last year to combat this epidemic, but we have to do more. I urge my colleagues to pass the bipartisan STOP Act to crack down on illicit opioid shipments into the U.S., and I also hope that we can continue to work together in other ways to fight this epidemic.

Only by working together at the Federal, State, and local government levels can we defeat this terrible scourge that is creating new tragedies daily.

WE MUST HAVE AN INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATION

(Ms. FRANKEL of Florida asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. FRANKEL of Florida. Mr. Speaker, Russia is an alarming force in the world, a nuclear power with an authoritarian President, menacing our European allies with invasion into Ukraine and threats of incursion into other Baltic states, lifting mass murderer Assad in Syria, interfering in democratic elections around the world and here in our country, and now evidence is mounting that the White House-Putin connections run deep.

Michael Flynn's shady dealings and lies to the Vice President and the public—what did the President know? When did he know it?

Answers to these and other questions are critical to our national security. We must have an independent investigation. The American people deserve nothing less.

DUCKS UNLIMITED'S 80TH ANNIVERSARY

(Mr. HILL asked and was given permission to address the House for 1