officer back home in Michigan. In 2007, Agent Terry was offered a job with the United States Border Patrol—a job he’d always dreamed of.

Agent Terry lost his life during a shootout with armed thugs in Rio Rico, Arizona, near the border. Shortly after his death, his sister, Michelle, told the Associated Press, “His dream all his life was to be a Federal agent. It was always, ‘I want to be a cop. I want to get the bad guys.’ It was his dream. He said it was dangerous, but he loved what he did and wanted to make a difference.”

Mr. Speaker, we will never forget Agent Terry and the sacrifice he made. We will continue to keep his family in our thoughts and prayers.

AFFORDABLE HEALTH CARE ACT
(Mrs. DAVIS of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. DAVIS of California. Mr. Speaker, as we hear from Members of this House every day, I thought it would be refreshing to bring the people’s voice directly to this floor. So I asked my constituents to send me their thoughts that I could deliver as a 1-minute speech.

The following is from Susan Sigmund of San Diego, who sent me this on the Affordable Care Act to be reviewed by the Supreme Court. She offered: “Being given the opportunity to speak before you, I wanted to make these 60 seconds witty, timely, and relevant to all. Having called at that, I will simply discuss my main concern right now. It’s the future of the health care law. The Supreme Court could strike it down next year.

“I have a preexisting health condition and will die in about 3 years unless I am able to buy a health insurance policy. I’m sure I am one of many facing this bleak possibility.

“AS I understand it, if the mandate section requiring a policy goes, it would provide preexisting condition discrimination. If the time comes, please do the honorable thing and vote to allow your constituents with preexisting conditions to buy health care insurance. Lives depend on it. Thank you.”

Mr. Speaker, I want to thank Mrs. Sigmund for bringing to the House her thoughts on health care.

REBUILD THE AMERICAN DREAM FOR THE 99% ACT
(Mr. ELLISON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. ELLISON. Mr. Speaker, yesterday Members of the Congressional Progressive Caucus introduced an important bill, and it’s called the “Rebuild the American Dream for the 99% Act.” This bill, this important “Rebuild the American Dream for the 99% Act,” would create 5 million jobs, Mr. Speaker, over 2 years, and cut the deficit by $2 trillion over 10 years.

The “Rebuild the American Dream for the 99% Act” creates direct-hire programs to put Americans back to work; provides grants for on-the-job training and employment services; invests $50 billion for infrastructure projects; creates a national infrastructure bank; improves “buy American” provisions; ends the practice of foreign currency manipulation; protects wounded veterans from job discrimination; extends unemployment insurance, including for people at 99 weeks; and supports the continuing contingency fund to help States pay for the cost of hiring unemployed workers. We can do these things. The “Rebuild the American Dream Act for the 99% Act” does it.

NO VETERAN DIES ALONE PROGRAM
(Mr. COSTA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the No Veteran Dies Alone program at the veterans hospital in Fresno, California.

During the holiday season, it is appropriate to give thanks. Members of the military follow the sacred oath of “leave no man behind.” The No Veteran Dies Alone program follows the ethos that ensures all veterans know that they are not forgotten in their remaining days.

Men and women, some of whom work at the hospital, volunteer their time to care for those who have worn the uniform of the U.S. military. This innovative volunteer program helps our veteran hospice patients spend their final days in friendship and warmth. During the holiday season, may we seek to lead lives as compassionately as the volunteers who selflessly serve our veterans in the No Veteran Dies Alone program.

SUPPORTING THE PRIMARY CARE WORKFORCE ACCESS IMPROVEMENT ACT
(Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS. I rise today to urge support for the Primary Care Workforce Access Improvement Act.

This bipartisan bill, which I’ve introduced with my colleague Mr. Thompson from California, will ensure that some of the most rural parts of our country will have greater access to doctors and that the high quality of health care that we value as Americans will continue. Right now, some areas of Washington State don’t have enough doctors because there isn’t enough funding for their residencies. Other areas, like Garfield County, simply have no doctors at all.

As cochair of the Congressional Rural Health Caucus, I can tell you...