

health care system. There must be enforceable rights to make consumer protections real for all Americans.

Mr. Speaker, we know that many States have passed legislation making a patchwork of protections. This patchwork does not provide a good fix. This fix does not work for over 160 million Americans who need a real effort to fix the problems of managed care.

While there are many top-notch managed care organizations, many in my own district; I represent Sonoma and Marin Counties in California, just north of the Golden Gate Bridge; in other areas, there are too many horror stories that we hear across this country. Doctors tell us horror stories about how they are gagged by insurance companies, companies that dictate what they can tell their patients, what they can tell their patients about their patients' treatment options. They tell us that a patient's treatment decisions are often overruled by a clerk, and that patients are denied a specialist's care, and that patients are shuttled out of hospitals before full recovery.

Americans are demanding, they are demanding that this Congress take action and that we do it now. But instead, the Republican leadership has provided legislation that does not ensure that patients have the right to see a specialist, nor do they prevent insurance companies from continuing to send women who have had mastectomies home early, against the advice of their physician.

Under the Republicans' bill, if patients are denied care, they would not have the right to a meaningful external appeal.

That is why we need to debate managed care reform. That is why we need a Patients' Bill of Rights. This legislation will make sure that doctors and patients are free to make decisions about the patient's health. The Patients' Bill of Rights will ensure that patients can openly discuss with their doctors their treatment options. The Patients' Bill of Rights will ensure that patients receive uniform information about their health plan, and they will be able to go to emergency rooms when the need arises, see a specialist, and seek a remedy from the courts when the claims have been unfairly denied.

It is time to put doctors and patients back in charge of our health care system. I urge my colleagues to support a full debate on managed care reform and support a Patients' Bill of Rights. I urge the Speaker and I urge my colleagues to give the American people what they want. I urge my colleagues to work for managed care reform.

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THIRD ANNIVERSARY OF THE KHOBAR TOWERS BOMBING IN SAUDI ARABIA

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. TERRY). Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Florida (Mr. MICA) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. MICA. Mr. Speaker, I come before the House tonight on the eve of the third anniversary of the Khobar Towers bombing in Saudi Arabia.

Tomorrow will mark the third anniversary of the Khobar Towers bombing. Shortly before 10 p.m. on Tuesday, June 25, 1996, a van parked outside the Khobar Towers military complex in Saudi Arabia exploded. The van held an estimated 2,000 pounds of explosives which killed 19 American servicemen and injured approximately 500 other people.

One of those servicemen who was killed was U.S. Airman Brian W. McVeigh from DeBary, Florida.

Mr. Speaker, I had the opportunity to speak at Brian's high school graduation. I had the honor to speak at the unfortunate circumstance of his funeral and memorial service, and I was so honored to be asked to be part of that in memory of Brian after he was killed.

I had an opportunity on this Memorial Day to join with citizens of central Florida and the city of DeBary and others who chipped in to create a memorial park for Brian McVeigh, in memory of Brian and other U.S. servicemen and women who served our country and lost their lives. The parents of Brian were there; Jim and Sandy Wetmore, Brian McVeigh's parents.

But a park is not satisfactory. It is a nice memorial, but what I think we all demand on the eve of this horrible anniversary is justice. The investigation of this terrorist attack has included countless closed-door top secret briefings of government officials in which I have participated, and we still do not have answers.

Regardless of those closed-door briefings and discussions held to date, there have been no indictments. The families who lost their loved ones in this terrible crime deserve to have justice and see those responsible prosecuted. We know where some of the responsible parties are, and we have the ability to detain and to prosecute and go after them. Why have the victims' families not received justice?

While we have been informed that the Saudi Government is being extremely cooperative, they are still not producing results, while they have strong indications of who the perpetrators of this terrible crime were and are. Let us move away from international politics and bring these terrible criminals to justice.

Mr. Speaker, I include for the RECORD the names of the service mem-

bers killed in the bombing of Khobar Towers, in addition to Brian McVeigh.

The list referred to is as follows:

Following is the list of names of service members killed in the bombing of Khobar Towers near King Abdul Aziz Air Base, Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, in June 1996:

Capt. Christopher J. Adams, Massapequa Park, N.Y.

Capt. Leland T. Haun, Clovis, Calif.

Master Sgt. Michael G. Heiser, Palm Coast, Fla.

Master Sgt. Kendall K. Kitson Jr., Yukon, Okla.

Tech. Sgt. Patrick P. Fennig, Greendale, Wis.

Tech. Sgt. Thanh V. Nguyen, Panama City, Fla.

Staff Sgt. Daniel B. Cafourek, Watertown, S.D.

Staff Sgt. Kevin J. Johnson, Shreveport, La.

Staff Sgt. Ronald L. King, Battle Creek, Mich.

Sgt. Millard D. Campbell, Angelton, Texas
Senior Airman Earl F. Cartrette Jr., Sellersburg, Ind.

Senior Airman Jeremy A. Taylor, Rosehill, Kan.

Airman First Class Christopher B. Lester, Pineville W. Va.

Airman First Class Brent E. Marthaler, Cambridge, Minn.

Airman First Class Brian W. McVeigh, DeBary, Fla.

Airman First Class Peter J. Morgera, Stratham, N.H.

Airman First Class Joseph E. Rimkus, Edwardsville, Ill.

Airman First Class Justin R. Wood, Modesto, Calif.

Airman First Class Joshua E. Woody, Corning, Calif.

This information was confirmed by the Office of Assistant Secretary of Defense, Public Affairs.

Mr. Speaker, that list, as I said, includes 19 American servicemen who lost their lives in service to this country 3 years ago tomorrow. All the relatives of those servicemen deserve justice, Jim and Sandy Wetmore, the parents of Brian McVeigh, deserve justice, the American people demand justice, and Congress must demand justice.

On the eve of this tragic anniversary, I urge the Congress to continue its effort, I urge this administration to continue their efforts, I urge each and every agency responsible, including the Department of Justice, including the Department of State, and all of our Federal agencies, to see that justice does prevail, again, not only for Brian McVeigh, our hero, but for the parents and the families of the 18 other servicemen who lost their lives on June 25, 1996, in a terrorist attack in Saudi Arabia.

TRIBUTE TO AN AMERICAN HERO, CAPTAIN CURTIS J. ZANE, UNITED STATES NAVY RETIRED

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 6, 1999, the gentleman from Alaska (Mr. YOUNG) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.