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# H. RES. 22

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

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## 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

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## 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.

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