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Sponsor Statement **HR 11**

This resolution is simple. Resolved: protect those who protect us.

HR 11 urges Congress to shield our military retirees from onerous healthcare mandates and to continue existing TRICARE benefits earned by and promised to our brave soldiers, sailors, airmen and marines.

We owe a special obligation to our military service members who have worked long hours, for little pay, often under dangerous conditions, and forced to be away from family, to protect the rest of us. We must ensure the same level of security in healthcare that they have ensured for us as a free nation.

We recognize this is a time of austerity, but it's just plain wrong to balance the costs of other programs on the backs of those who have made some of the greatest sacrifices in our society. Those who put their lives on the line in service to our country should have the finest healthcare coverage available

It is more than a valuable tool for the recruitment and retention. It is a promise we should keep.

We urge you to support this resolution. We urge you to protect American military families from the government hijacking their healthcare benefits.