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I am pleased to announce my candidacy for the U.S. House of Representatives in Florida's Ninth District.

As a doctor, I have dedicated my life to improving the health of others by treating our nation's veterans, providing medical care to patients regardless of the ability to pay, and researching cures for deadly diseases such as cancer and Ebola. In Congress, I will work to ensure that everyone can get the affordable care that they need be healthy and stay alive. And, I will fight to protect the health of our seniors by expanding Medicare to include dental and vision coverage.

When I was a young child, I dreamed of becoming a doctor. I was fortunate to receive a high-quality public school education, right here in Central Florida. I worked hard, I saved my money, and I achieved my dream, becoming the first woman in my family ever to graduate from college.

I believe that everyone deserves the same chance to achieve the American Dream, regardless of wealth, race, national origin, religion, sexual orientation or gender. In Congress, I will fight to end discrimination and push to enact comprehensive immigration reform with a clear path to citizenship. I will work to ensure that every child receives a high-quality K-12 education and can access an affordable college education without having to drown in debt. I will fight to ensure that a fair day's work will earn a fair day's pay with benefits, including paid sick leave. And, I will fight to protect our hard-earned Social Security benefits when we retire.

The reason I am running for Congress is to help the People. As a doctor, I have healed many people. In Congress, I can help to heal our country.

For Health, Equality, and Progress. For You.

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