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Dear Friends,

March is Women's History Month, which originated in 1981 as a tribute to the generations of women who have served our country and our world.

In celebration, I'd like to share with you one of Illinois' very own inspirations, Charlotte Thompson Reid, who represented the 15th District in Congress. **Please click the picture below to hear about her important contributions and her legacy which continues through her daughter, former Illinois State Rep. Patricia Reid Lindner.**



(Click picture to watch video)

[You're Invited to a Hackathon!](#)

As you may have heard in a previous Hultgren Huddle, the House App Contest has begun. This competition allows high school students to compete by creating and exhibiting their software application, or "app," for mobile, tablet or computer devices on a platform of their choice.

While this may seem like a daunting task for a student unfamiliar with computer coding, mentors are available to help!

Fermilab computer scientists will be hosting an app development day (or "Hackathon") to assist students with their computer programming on Saturday, March 29 from 1:00-5:00 p.m. at Wilson Hall.

For additional details and a [downloadable flyer](#), please visit my website: <http://hultgren.house.gov/stem-competition/>.

[Fixing Medicare Payment Formula for Doctors and Seniors](#)

As health care costs rise, it has become obvious the current formula for reimbursing doctors who treat Medicare patients has become outdated, unrealistic and unsustainable. The current system is based on the Sustainable Growth Rate (SGR) formula which was enacted in 1997 but has failed to work. Physicians face a 24 percent cut in Medicare payments on April 1 which could lead to a drop in providing care to Medicare patients.

We are already facing a serious doctor shortage in this country and our seniors cannot afford for more doctors to call it quits.

That's why I supported passage of H.R. 4015, the SGR Repeal and Medicare Provider Payment Modernization Act, which would implement a long-term fix to the formula. Previously, I joined a [bipartisan initiative](#) urging House Speaker John Boehner and House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi to take action on this pressing issue, and I am pleased Speaker Boehner brought the bill to the floor.

Patients need to know doctors will continue to provide for them, and doctors need to know they will get paid for it. I urge the Senate to take up this alternative formula and pass it quickly.

Do you believe President Obama is effectively dealing with Russian President Vladimir Putin's support of Crimea's annexation?

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U.S. Chamber Presents "Spirit of Enterprise" Award for Pro-Jobs Leadership

American middle class families are hurting as they realize their paychecks don't go as far as they used to, and Illinois' unemployment rate still sits above the national average. We need to pursue policies that will encourage businesses to hire more workers and innovate.

I was honored to receive the Spirit of Enterprise award from the U.S. Chamber of Commerce for supporting pro-growth, pro-jobs policies during the first session of the 113th Congress. I look forward to the Senate and the President taking up House-passed jobs legislation that will get Americans back to work. While this list is just a sample, you can visit the following website for the status of House-passed jobs bills: <http://www.speaker.gov/jobs>.

If you haven't already, be sure to like my [Facebook page](#), follow me on Twitter ([@RepHultgren](#)), or check out my [YouTube page](#) to stay informed on everything I'm doing on your behalf in Washington and in Illinois.

As always, thank you for the honor and privilege of serving you.

In Your Service,



Randy Hultgren
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Randy in the News

Reuters: [U.S. House panel investigates EPA's power plant rule setting](#)

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