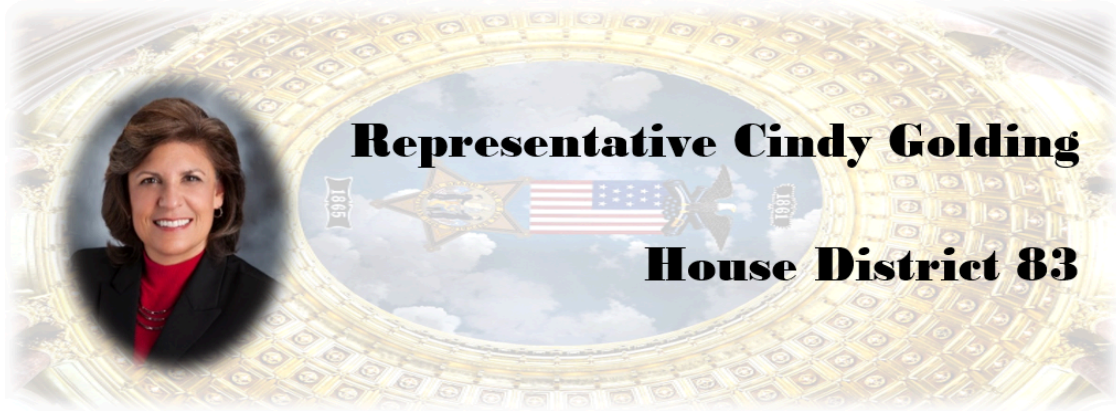


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## Under the Golden Dome

### Week #10 - 2024

Hi Friends,

The weeks are flying by and the Iowa House has been very active. Our responsibility is to our constituents and we have been listening. Several of the bills we tackled this year were in response to concerns for our districts. It might surprise you that the majority of bills in the House passed unanimously, and many of the others passed with a bi-partisan vote. The handful of bills which were party-line votes are the ones the media touts.

#### A Few Highlights from Week 10

*After the horrific events at Perry High School in January, I received calls and letters from parents and teachers about school safety. Several students wrote or came to the Capitol to express their frustration that money was spent on new athletic facilities but they were told that metal detectors at the doors were too expensive. Their passion moved the issue from "conversations" to action.*

#### **HF 2652: School Safety Infrastructure** -part 2 of the House 2-part approach

- Requires schools to conduct a safety review and share their review with law enforcement.
- Establishes a task force to put together a gold standard of school safety building codes.
- Requires districts to focus on improvements to school safety before building or renovating athletic facilities.
- Creates a pilot program for gun detection software that works with existing school cameras.

**HF 2586:** (part 1 of the 2-part approach passed last week) focused on having personnel able and ready to protect students in the event of an emergency. It allocates money for schools who wish to participate. These funds may be used to cover the costs for staff members who volunteer to go through the extensive training and receive the new permit to carry in school.

*Waiting Senate action.*

**HF 2401: Protecting Local Pharmacies**

This will help protect our local pharmacies facing unfair practices from Pharmacy Benefit Managers (PBM). It's a complicated system involving PBMs, insurance companies, and pharmaceutical companies.

-The PBM reimburses a pharmacy for the prescription but many times the reimbursement is less than the pharmacy paid for the drug.

-In recent years over 70,000 complaints about PBMs have been filed by Iowa pharmacies.

-Because of the low reimbursement rate, several rural pharmacies have closed down causing residents to drive nearly an hour to the nearest pharmacy.

HF 2401 will help Iowa pharmacies be reimbursed at a fair price for services they perform and drugs they administer.

*Waiting Senate action.*

**HF 2637: Adoption Tax Credit**

Currently, an adoption tax credit has a maximum amount of \$5,000. Since that tax cut was created, the cost of adoption has skyrocketed, often totally more than \$30,000.

Our bill increases the adoption tax credit from \$5,000 to \$20,000.

*Waiting Senate action.*

**HF 2319: Prohibiting Socialist Guaranteed Income Programs** - prohibits counties and cities from participating in guaranteed income programs, which are over and above the already established welfare, food assistance, and other low-income assistance programs. These guaranteed income programs use your tax dollars to increase government dependency.

*Waiting Senate action.*

**A Founding Father's Quote**

*“A government big enough to give you everything you want is big enough to take away everything you have.”*

*-Thomas Jefferson*

***How will you choose to get involved?***

*I am running once again so that I may continue as a voice for rural and small town Iowa. Many of the issues that come before the House need the perspective that differs from our larger neighbors. I provide that perspective ... and I always listen, even when we don't agree, I respect your opinion.*

*It is an honor to serve as your State Representative. Please stay in touch!*

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*Have a wonderful week!*

# Cindy



Kris Gulick running for Senate District 40.



Hot Air Balloon Resolution recognizing the only Iowa aircraft manufacturing company and it's founder, Phil Gray.

French exchange student, Ines Save, with her mother, Sophia Save, visited the Iowa Capitol for the first time.





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