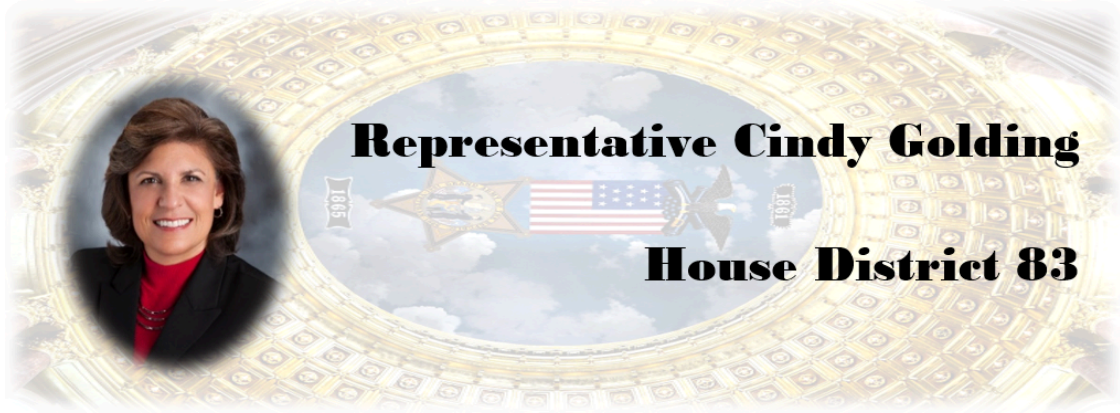


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Under the Golden Dome

Week #11 - 2024

Hi folks,

Snow in March? Of course, it always snows in March, when we least expect it. In 30 years of making maple syrup, I have learned that warm weather in February can lull us into believing winter is over. I have learned to watch my sugar maples - it's not spring until they bud. But the Good News is that Easter is coming!

Some Highlights of Iowa House Week #11

SF 477 - Expanding Iowans Access to Health Care - allows more qualified internationally trained physicians to practice in Iowa by removing duplicity of training and residency requirements. It assures these physicians meet specific requirements before being issued a provisional license.

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SF 2340 - Allowing Iowa to Defend Itself from Illegal Aliens - allows Iowa law enforcement to arrest illegal aliens who are in Iowa after previously being denied entry to the United States. It creates a new crime of illegal re-entry to the state of Iowa. This would apply to any undocumented immigrant that has previously been deported or denied admission to the US.

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childcare providers across the state.
waiting Senate action.

And now for the AEA bill - HF 2612 (Area Education Agency)

This legislation was brought forth by the Governor in January. The background is that Iowa's Special Education program was identified as "needs assistance" by the federal government. Within days of the Governor's speech, I heard from hundreds of constituents asking that we pause the process and hear from the stakeholders. As I told folks at forums, the House killed the original bill. We followed up with public hearings and forums. We talked with parents, teachers, superintendents, and AEA employees.

In response, the House passed 3 separate bills. HF 2613 gave schools a raise in SSA to 3% from the proposed 2%. HF 2611 gave teachers and support staff significant raises. HF 2612 paused the changes to the AEA system and called for a task force to study special education and return with recommendations. All of these House bills were completed in February.

HF 2612 was later amended through the process of compromise between the House, Senate, Governor and stakeholders. The amended HF 2612 passed the House on Thursday. To hear opening comments from the House, a parent/legislator, and closing comments click [HERE](#).

A Founding Father's Quote for today

"Every child in America should be acquainted with his own country. He should read books that furnish him with ideas that will be useful to him in life and practice. As soon as he opens his lips, he should rehearse the history of his own country."

Noah Webster,

On the Education of Youth in America, 1788

How will you choose to get involved?

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

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Have a wonderful week!

Cindy



Cedar Rapids Civil Air Patrol - an amazing group of young people.



Rae Jeanne Kilberger donated her family farm to Linn County Conservation for a park off Ellis Road, Cedar Rapids.



Nate Hofmann from Linn County Farm Bureau discussing Ag issues.



“War on Children” (the movie) hosted by LinnRed at the Hiawatha Community Center. Over 160 people attended and visited community organizations focused on children and families in Linn County.



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