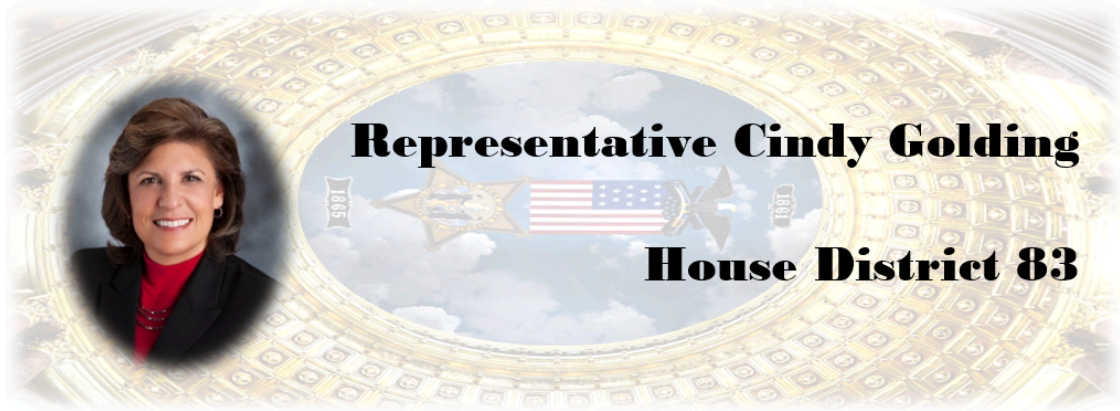


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President's Day 2024

See below for more about this famous moment in our history.

Under the Golden Dome

Hello friends.

Week 6 was the first funnel week - the time when any bill must go through a House committee or a Senate committee in order to be considered. As you can imagine, it was very busy as every bill must first pass a sub-committee meeting, then a full committee vote.

At this time in the legislative calendar some controversial issues are pushed through the process simply to continue the conversation and some are stopped or slowed when there is significant push back.

I continue to work on issues that affect rural Linn County small towns and small school districts. As you reach out to me, I can share your concerns and perspectives on specific bills.

Below is a list of issues that received the greatest amount of comments from my district. Each bill number has a link to the legislature web site where you can dig into the details:

AEA (Area Education Agency)

Last week I met with the Governor and several school superintendents from my district. Every member of the legislature has heard from hundreds of folks from around the state. As a result, the House did not move the Governor's bill forward. The House Education Committee has broken the original bill into three separate pieces to be decided on their own merit. If you are interested in the details please click the bill number link.

- **HSB 712** - relates to school funding
- **HSB 713** - relates to review and oversight of AEA, proposes a Task force review
- **HSB 714** - relates to teacher salary, cost per pupil

There is a Public Hearing on the proposed AEA legislation Wed, Feb 21, 5Pm, Rm 103 in the Capitol

HF 2522/ HSB 608 - Eminent Domain

Another attempt at reigning in carbon sequestration and strengthening private property rights vs eminent domain for private gain.

HF 2112- Illegal Immigration

Division I- Requires proof of citizenship or legal status for state assistance.

Division II- Prohibits smuggling people who are not legally in the country.

These are just a few of the important pieces of legislation moving through the system. Many of the bills cover the details of the government realignment. There are several that address mental health and others that focus on school safety, just to name a few. Each bill has the

A Founding Father's legacy for today

Presidents Day was first established in 1885 to honor America's first President, George Washington. As we reflect on his incredible life, we are reminded that despite their morale being at an all-time low and 90% deserting him, there was a remnant of Americans at the end of 1776 committed to stand with Washington unto Independence.

On Christmas night 1776, Washington led his troops on an unconventional mission: a surprise attack against a superior Hessian (German mercenaries) force after crossing the icy and treacherous Delaware River in a life-threatening blizzard and marching nine miles in the snow when one-third of the troops were without boots. The surprise attack led to the Hessian's defeat, turning the tide of the war at a critical time for American Independence. With Washington's Army on the brink of disintegrating, Washington's bold and prayerful victory gave the Continental Army the confidence and commitment to survive the hardships of Valley Forge one year later.

Over 247 years after that victory, Patriots like you and me are once again finding ourselves in a fight for freedom and truth.

How will you choose to get involved?

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

*Go to CindyGolding.com or
Email me at cindy.golding@legis.iowa.gov or
Call me at 319-360-1028
Have a wonderful week!*

Cindy



Proud Linn County men - Dads Defending Daughters.



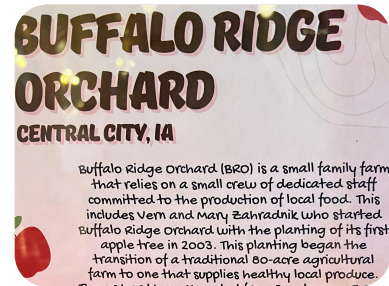
Al Flieder advocating with AARP.



Linn Mar School Board & Superintendent Amy Kortemeyer



Me with Representative Martin Graber, Retired Brigadier General and Pete Moeller, legislative liaison



Learning more about Iowa Farm to School initiatives and School Nutrition Association with Julie Ulrich from Jones County.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR
THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF IOWA

Naturalization Proceeding

February 16, 2024



I was privileged to witness 52 immigrants from 30 different countries become US citizens! After swearing in, they were encouraged to register to vote.



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