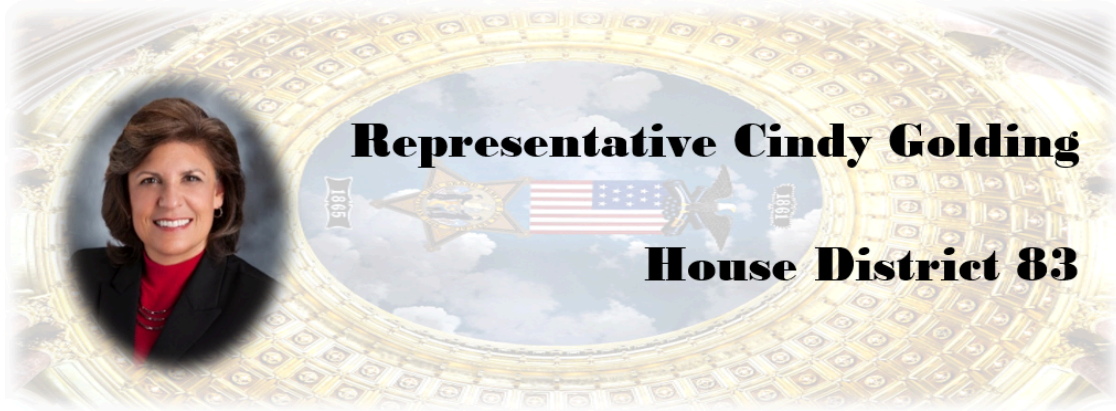


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Under the Golden Dome

Week #7 - 2024

Hi Friends,

Quite a bit has happened in the last few weeks around House District 83. The information gathered at meetings with constituents and stake holders around our district has been very helpful as we debate legislation.

Center Point City Council invited me to a meeting of mayors and city administrators to discuss the various bills coming forward and their impact on our small towns. Cities represented, in addition to Center Point, were Palo, Mt. Vernon, Central City, Alburnett, and Vinton. We will continue the open communication as legislation comes to the floor.

Alburnett Superintendent Will Dible invited me to a meeting with superintendents from Center Point-Urbana, Springville/Lisbon, North Linn/Central City and Governor Reynolds. The Governor is traveling around the state to share her vision and hear from stake holders who will be impacted by any changes in the Area Education Agencies (AEA). I was pleased that she started with our small schools in Linn County. The superintendents shared their concerns. I explained that there are 3 distinctly different approaches to the situation - the House version, the Senate version, and the Governor's version. We will work through the variations with the constant focus being the children and families served.

into law. The checks and balances embedded in our system allow one Chamber to amend or stop a bill that passes through the other Chamber. So when we pass a bill in the House, it then goes to the Senate where it can be stopped, amended, or passed as written. The same happens with the Senate bills.

The other confusing fact is that bill numbers change. An **HSB** (House Study Bill) or **SSB** (Senate Study Bill) designation will get a new number beginning with **HF** (House File) or **SF** (Senate File) .

If you are following a particular issue or bill, you can find it at www.legis.iowa.gov. If you don't know the bill number, you can try a keyword or phrase.

Here are just a few of the pieces of legislation that passed the House that will benefit constituents in my district. They now move to the Senate:

HF 2306– Veterans Commission Members

This bill adds a member of the Marine Corps League to the membership of the commission of veterans affairs.

HF 2446–Military Service Waiver

The bill provides for a military service filing fee waiver on specific documents for qualified businesses that have a veteran or enlisted member as an interest holder in the business.

HF 2613 - Increases SSA funding by 3%.

Supplemental State Aid, often called SSA, is the amount of new funding committed by the state to local school districts. This increase amounts to \$146.7 million more than Fiscal Year 2024, and a **total of about \$3.81 Billion** to School Foundation Aid. It would bring per pupil funding to \$7,864 per student, an increase of \$229 over FY 2024.

HF 2248 - Allows more time for robbery suspects to be found and prosecuted. Under current law, the statute of limitations is three years, while federal law allows five years. HF 2248 extends the Iowa statute of limitations to five years.

HF 2264 - Connects public dollars to charitable services for benefit of local communities.

Currently, under Iowa law counties and townships are not allowed to directly appropriate public funds to institutions, schools, or associations under ecclesiastical or sectarian management. This bill allows communities to partner with organizations for programs such as meal services, homeless shelters, etc. The bill specifies that the group receiving the funds cannot require participation in religious services, educational programs, or other participation in order to receive the benefit of the program.

of supporting it.
Thomas Paine, The Crisis, 1777

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





Insurance Day at the Capitol.



My youngest grandchildren, Olivia and Wesley, brought their mother to visit the Capitol to see where Grandma works, but it was hard to compete with Cy.



Battleship USS IOWA (BB-61) was commissioned at the Capitol on Tuesday. It was the first ship in the largest, fastest class of battleships ever produced by the United States. These ships were built to be magnificent, colossal, and to defend the freedom framed in our Constitution. USS IOWA was in commission during three eras between 1942 and 1990: WWII, the Korean War, and the Cold War. The great-grandfather of a House clerk served on the USS Iowa during WWII and led a special division known as “frogmen” which later became Seal Team Six. To learn more about the restoration of USS Iowa click [HERE](#)



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