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Dear Friend,

It's been another busy week in Washington, DC, as the House of Representatives passed several pieces of legislation. In this week's e-newsletter, you'll find information on what I did on your behalf in Washington this week; who won the our district's Congressional Art Competition; a speech congratulating a great group of local high school athletes; and important information on mobile office hours where you can get help from my staff with federal agencies.

As always, it is truly an honor to serve you in Washington. Please contact me at 630.232.7104 or 202.225.2976 if I can be of assistance, or if you'd like to share your thoughts on the issues before Congress.

In service,

Randy Hultgren
Member of Congress

Legislation This Week

This week I supported commonsense legislation in the House of Representatives to take major steps to relieve gas prices and expand domestic energy production. In the past week, the House has passed three of these bills, all with bipartisan support. They will require the Secretary of the Interior to increase lease sales in the Gulf of Mexico and on the Outer Continental Shelf, while also requiring the Secretary to make decisions on permit applications in a timely manner. In other words, these bills roll back the counterproductive bureaucratic red tape that has limited domestic energy production for too long. At a time when gas prices are painfully high, we need to do all we can to increase domestic energy production. These bills will also create jobs, and they underscore the House's commitment to pro-growth, pro-jobs policies that will help our economy get back on its feet.

Today, the House passed the Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2011. Congress is supposed to pass similar legislation every year, authorizing spending on intelligence operations and providing critical Congressional oversight. Unfortunately, Congress had failed to pass these bills – and simply “deemed” the funds authorized – since 2004. Today's vote was an important reassertion of Congressional oversight authority, and another example of our efforts to ensure your tax dollars are being spent wisely. As part of the bill, we also voted for an amendment congratulating the brave men and women of our intelligence community and the Navy SEALs for their role in killing Osama Bin Laden. I was proud to support the bill, and especially proud to support that amendment.

Congressional Art Competition

At a reception at Water Street Studios in Batavia last Friday, I had the pleasure to announce the winner of this year's 14th District Congressional Art Competition. Lucy Miller, a senior at Larkin High School in Elgin, was selected as the winner from among more than 20 entries. Her submission, a self portrait, will be displayed at the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C. for a year. Congratulations to Lucy and thank you to all of this year's participants!

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I continue to be impressed by the ability and creativity of the students in our area and look forward to sponsoring this competition for years to come. You can see more submissions from the Art Competition on my [Facebook page](#)

Congratulations To Newark Community High School's Boys Basketball Team

Yesterday, I went to the floor of the House of Representatives to congratulate the Newark Community High School Boys Basketball Team. They won the 2011 Class 1A Illinois State Championship Title, the first state championship in school history. Click on the photo to view my speech.



Randy In The News

"Randy Hultgren Congratulates Fermilab Director On National Appointment"

- *St. Charles Patch*, May 5

U.S. Rep. Randy Hultgren (IL-14) today gave kudos to the director of Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory for his move into an honor society.

Pier Oddone was appointed to the National Academy of Sciences, which is dedicated to advancing science and technology. Academy membership includes about 2,100 members and 380 foreign associates. Nearly 200 of them have won Nobel Prizes, according to the Academy's website.

Read the rest of the article [here](#).

[Why the Freshman Republicans Don't Always Vote G.O.P.](#)

[Northwestern College Announces its 2011 Commencement Speaker: U.S. Congressman Randy Hultgren \(IL-14\)](#)

Mobile Office Hours

Once again, staff from my district office will be available to assist constituents with individual concerns at the following scheduled mobile office hours:

Wednesday, May 25
Annawan Alba Township Library
200 N Meadow Lane
Annawan, IL 61234
9:30 A.M. to 10:30 A.M.

Atkinson Village Office

107 W Main
Atkinson, IL 61235
11:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.

Photo of the Week

I had the opportunity to tour International Paper in Montgomery on Monday.



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