

News from Representative Randy Hultgren

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## [Federal Relief for April Tornado Damage](#)

26 years ago, pro-democracy demonstrators were killed by Chinese troops while peacefully advocating for government accountability and reform.

I marked the Tiananmen Square anniversary by calling for the immediate and unconditional release of Zhu Yufu, a prisoner of conscience, on the House floor.



(Click picture to watch video)





(AP Photo)



Illinois residents and businesses suffered tremendous loss following the severe thunderstorms and tornadoes in April. Previously, the entire Illinois congressional delegation and I urged President Obama to issue a Disaster Declaration for the region which would allow residents and businesses severely impacted to receive Small Business Administration (SBA) loans.

I was pleased the SBA listened and decided to issue a Disaster Declaration for DeKalb, Boone, Kane, Kendall, LaSalle, Lee, McHenry, Ogle and Winnebago counties. I especially encourage 14th District residents who were affected to apply for loans to help rebuild. [More information is available by clicking here.](#)

[Appointed to Commission Focused on Rule of Law in China](#)



Our nation's economic and political relationship with China only grows in daily importance. Ensuring China respects the rule of law and human rights should remain a top priority of the United States.

That's why I was pleased to be appointed to the bipartisan, bicameral [\*\*Congressional-Executive Commission on China \(CECC\)\*\*](#). Created by Congress in October 2000, it has the legislative mandate to monitor human rights and the development of the rule of law in China, to establish and maintain a list of victims of human rights abuses in China, and to submit an annual report to the President and the Congress.

Illinois is a top trading partner with China. Yet it is clear there remains much work to do to advance

the unambiguous rule of law in China. I am honored by this appointment and welcome the new opportunity to engage this key nation in opening up real economic and political opportunities for Chinese citizens.

Relatedly, I cosponsored [H.R. 1159, the Hong Kong Human Rights and Democracy Act](#), a bill to make sure the United States reaffirms its commitment to advance universal suffrage, full democracy, and the rule of law in Hong Kong.

### Welcoming Manufacturer Expansion to 14th District

I am pleased to welcome global technology leader AKHAN Semiconductors Inc. (AKHAN SEMI) to Gurnee, where it is expanding its cutting-edge diamond semiconductor production. In addition, AKHAN plans to create and expand community partnerships with the College of Lake County and Argonne National Laboratory.

AKHAN SEMI joins an impressive list of advanced manufacturing businesses within the 14th District which will help foster new technologies, commerce, and educational opportunities for our residents.

[Click here to learn more.](#)

### Time for a True Unemployment Tally

The Bureau of Labor Statistics currently uses six different measures to track unemployment, but

their official number fails to account for individuals who, after earnestly looking for work for months or years, have stopped altogether. [Read my piece in the \*DeKalb Daily Chronicle\*](#) about why I cosponsored [the Real Unemployment Calculation Act](#), to make sure these frustrated Americans aren't forgotten.

### Stanley Cup Wager: Illinois vs. Florida

[Some of my Illinois colleagues and I on both sides of the aisle have made a friendly wager](#) with our Florida colleagues over who will win the Stanley Cup Final this year. I am offering up Illinois' own Portillo's Italian Beef and Graham's Chocolate. But if (when) the Blackhawks beat the Tampa Bay Lightning, I look forward to enjoying some Cuban sandwiches and fresh squeezed orange juice. One win down, three to go. Go Hawks!





(Rep. Hultgren with fellow Members of Congress)

## Honoring our World War II Veterans



(Rep. Hultgren greets Navy veteran Sam Ciaccio)

I'm always excited to meet our northern Illinois veterans of WWII when they visit Washington, D.C. as part of Honor Flight Chicago. [Click here for more photos of their visit to the National WWII Memorial](#). If you know of a WWII veteran who has yet to take the flight, [click here to contact Honor Flight Chicago](#).

If you haven't already, be sure to like my [Facebook page](#), follow me on Twitter ([@RepHultgren](#)), or check out my [YouTube page](#) to stay informed on everything I'm doing on your behalf in Washington and in Illinois.

As always, thank you for the honor and privilege of serving you.

In Your Service,



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[Cheating Allegations Surround ATC Hiring Process](#)  
(AVweb)

[Congress Looks to Reduce the Regulatory Behemoth](#) (U.S. Chamber Foundation)  
[Hultgren joins Illinois, Florida congressmen in friendly Cup wager](#) (Kane County Chronicle)  
[Illinois, Florida reps. wager goods on Cup Final](#) (NHL.com)  
['World-class technology' firm closes in on move to Gurnee](#) (Lake County News-Sun)

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