

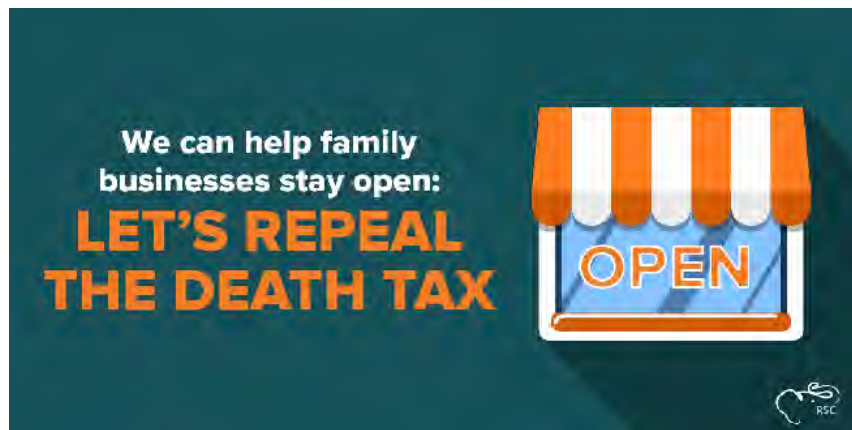
News from Representative Randy Hultgren

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## [Repealing the Death Tax](#)



## [Serving Seniors in St. Charles](#)

Our seniors in #IL14 continue to live fulfilling lives and are invested in what is going on in their communities. My sons Kaden, Kole and I thoroughly enjoyed joining the local Salvation Army Tri-City Corps to pack and serve snacks and lunches to "Golden Diners."

Calling out bingo was an added bonus!

For 100 years, the estate (or “death”) tax has wreaked havoc on family-owned farms and businesses in Illinois and nationwide. Because assets are many times bound up in land and equipment, countless farmers in Illinois without adequate liquid assets have been forced to sell land in order to pay off the IRS following the death of a family member—adding salt to the wound.

As someone who grew up in family funeral home, for the federal government to send a bill to grieving loved ones and break up their family’s legacy—on top of taxing income and previous wealth transfers multiple times over—is simply wrong. Death should not be a taxable event, and the vast majority of Americans agree.

I supported House passage of **H.R. 1105, the Death Tax Repeal Act of 2015**, a bill I previously cosponsored because families should not be punished for wanting to see their children prosper and carry on the family business. I believe it’s time for the death tax to die.

### Small Business Showcase

Speaking of family-owned businesses, J. S. Goray Inc is a family-owned building façade maintenance and repair business doing work out of Wauconda since 1993. Along with other local small business leaders, President Robert Goray and I discussed the issues unique to small businesses, and how best to address them,



including: the need for skilled labor, employee retirement plans, the medical device tax and more.

**Supporting our small and family-owned businesses is a top priority of mine in Congress.**



(Rep. Hultgen meets with local small business leaders in Wauconda)

### Highlighting Progress on Heroin Fight in Will County

Since we came together in March of last year to figure out how to develop a community-based approach to fighting the growing epidemic, I am proud of how our communities have worked hard to

implement the recommendations that came out of the forum.

As overdose deaths continue to afflict Will County, local leaders have put in the time and energy to find compassionate solutions to this incredibly complex problem.

I highlighted the challenges and successes at Will County's 2015 Hero Helps Community Summit, which focused on "Next Steps" in the community's public health response to the heroin and other drug overdose epidemic. Among those at the event included Romeoville Mayor Noak, State Representatives Lou Lang (D-16) and Sam Yingling (D-62), and Captain Jeff Coady, Regional Administrator for Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services (SAMHSA), who keynoted the [Community Leadership Forum on Heroin Prevention](#) I hosted last year.



(Rep. Hultgren with local Will County leaders)

## #IL14 Dominating Robotics Competitions

Competing in robotics competitions are a great way to get students excited about science and math, and demonstrate how older students can mentor younger ones in STEM education. During National Robotics Week, students of all ages made an impression at the [4H Sportbot Robotics Competition](#) at Abbott Middle School in Elgin.

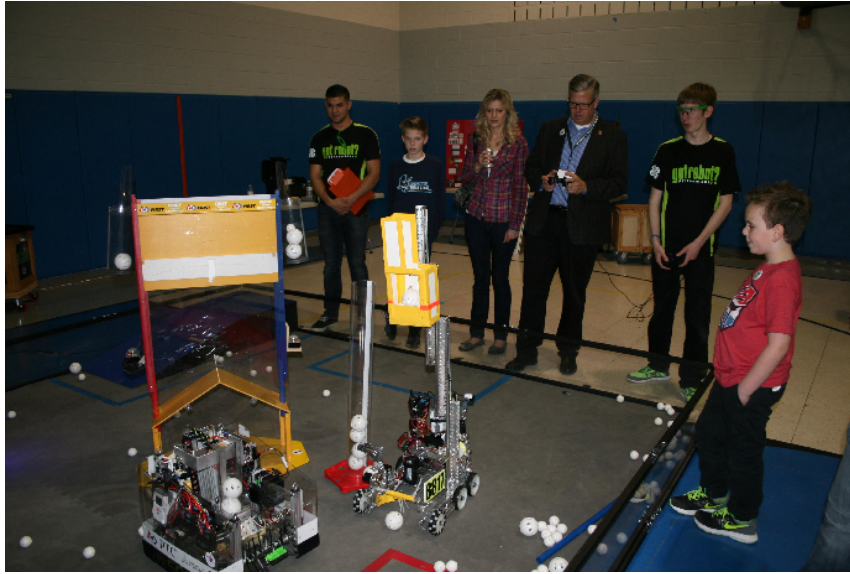
The Blue Box Bots hosted, and other participants included Dynamic Signals from Gurnee, Octopi from Crystal Lake and got robot? from Elgin. I want to give a big congratulations to Octopi and got robot?, both of whom are going to the FIRST

## Robotics World Championships next week in St. Louis.

I joined the fun and talked to parents and students about the possibilities available in STEM careers.



(Rep. Hultgren with 4H robotics team, the Blue Box Bots)



(Rep. Hultgen operates a robot with got robot? team members)

## Financial Literacy Month

Financial advisors will tell you that some of the best personal financial decisions you can make are simply to start as soon as possible, including smartly building credit, planning for retirement, and paying off debt sooner rather than later.

I had a blast talking about the importance of financial literacy with Sandwich Community High School students who, along with students from Nequa Valley High School in Naperville, are participating in The Stock Market Game™ where they manage a hypothetical \$100,000 online portfolio and invest in real stocks, bonds, and mutual funds.



(Rep. Hultgren speaks with Sandwich students about the importance of financial literacy)

Learning about the difference between a stock and a bond or how interest makes savings grow is important. That's actually a lot of what I deal with on the Financial Services Committee.

But even more important is becoming savvy in your financial dealings—learning how to use those tools to secure yourself and your (future) families.

### Remembering Lincoln 150 Years Later

150 years ago this week, President Lincoln was assassinated at Ford's Theatre in Washington, D.C. I filmed a video on location to honor his memory and legacy.





(Click picture to watch video)

## Kenya Massacre a Brutal Affront to Freedom of Belief

I was saddened and angered by the massacre on Garissa University College in Kenya by al-Shabaab, an al-Qaida affiliate, which has claimed nearly 150 innocent lives. The ruthless killers were bent on imposing their oppressive ideology on anyone caught in their destructive path.

These latest violations of human rights and the deliberate targeting of religious minorities—in this case Kenyan Christians—is a brutal and grotesque affront to a cornerstone of American and international values: the right of belief without coercion or reprisal.

From the march of al-Qaida affiliates and the Islamic State further into Africa, to the kidnappings and killings of religious minorities in Libya, to these latest atrocities, the larger Middle East region continues to be a hotbed for religious-based persecution. I have co-sponsored **H.Res. 139** which condemns violence against religious minorities in the Middle East and promotes freedom of religious expression throughout the world.

We cannot and must not be silent in the face of attacks on the freedom of belief.

### Save the Date: Service Academy Day

It is a distinct honor when our students are selected to our nation's top service academies. If a student desires to pursue this distinguished education and career, it is important they start the process early in their middle and high school careers.

Along with Congressman Peter Roskam (IL-06), I invite all students, parents, teachers and school officials from the 14th and 6th Congressional Districts who are interested in learning more about our nation's service academies to attend **Service Academy Day on Saturday, May 9, from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. at St. Charles East High School.**

Please [click here for a promotional flyer and further details.](#)

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,



*Randy Hultgren  
Member of Congress  
14th District, Illinois*

### Randy in the News

- [An HPC Breakthrough with Argonne National Laboratory, Intel, and Cray](#) (Intel)
- [Congress Members Urge House Leaders to Protect Muni Exemption](#) (The Bond Buyer)
- [Crystal Lake manufacturer shows value of federal export bank, Hultgren says](#) (Northwest Herald)
- [Crystal Lake robotics team advances to world championship](#) (Suburban Life)
- [New supercomputer for Argonne National Lab](#)

(Chicago Sun-Times)

- [Students considering military career invited to Service Academy Day](#) (Kane County Chronicle)
- [Take a Look Inside Rep. Randy Hultgren's Office \[Video\]](#) (Riley and Scot, WROK)

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