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Jazzing Up the 2016 Art Competition



(Rep. Hultgren with art competition winner Anne Jakubowski)

I was thrilled to announce the 14th District winner of the 2016 Congressional Art Competition, Anne Jakubowski from Montgomery, at an evening reception attended by nearly 100 parents, students, teachers and community members at Oswego High School featuring music from the OHS Jazz Ensemble and appetizers provided by the Culinary Arts Department.

Anne's piece, "Uncle Cubby," will hang on display in the U.S. Capitol for one year.

[Please click here for the full list of winners.](#)

[Click here for a photo gallery of the paintings and reception.](#)

Raising Soldier Pay and Improving our Military Readiness

As we prepare to remember those who have died in service to our country this Memorial Day weekend, we must honor their memory by ensuring we take care of those in service today.

Our service members are defending us overseas—we should empower them to take care of their families at home. The last thing they should worry about is paying their rent and household expenses each month.

I supported House passage (277 to 147) of legislation to fully fund the armed forces, raise service member pay, continue to prohibit transfer of Guantanamo Bay detainees to the United States, combat sexual assault in the military and streamline technology acquisition to promote a 21st century military. For a full summary of **H.R. 4909, the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year 2017**, [please click here](#).

Metra Extension Back on Track

As a resident of Kendall County, I understand the importance of having transportation options readily available in our region.

Improving transportation alternatives throughout the 14th Congressional District that use taxpayer dollars effectively is a consistent goal of mine.

In March, [I convened local elected officials from Kendall County and Metra](#) in a stakeholder meeting to discuss the future of expanding Metra service in our communities. I wanted to ensure everyone was working together toward what's best for Kendall County, and I was greatly encouraged by the openness of the discussion.

Because the continuation of a possible extension project of Metra through Kendall County depends on earmarks that preceded me in office, through a questionnaire I enlisted the opinions of local elected officials for their expertise.

They overwhelmingly confirmed they would like to see the process move forward and called for Metra to release the funds to complete the remaining Preliminary Engineering and Environmental studies aimed at resolving whether Metra can proceed with a county-wide extension. [Please click here for more on my letter and the response from local elected officials.](#)

In response to my letter, Metra announced they will remove the suspension on the environmental studies and allow the preliminary work on a possible Metra extension move forward. [Click here for more on their response and the potential costs and future of the project.](#)

House Passes 18 Bills to Fight Opioid/Heroin Abuse

As you may know, I have been working in the 14th District to combat heroin and opioid abuse ever since [I convened our community in 2014 to tackle this epidemic](#) in northern Illinois.

This month, the House [passed a series of bills combating heroin and opioid abuse](#). Among other bills passed was **H.R.**

3680, the Co-Prescribing to Reduce Overdoses Act of 2015, a bill I cosponsored which would help reduce drug overdoses across the country by giving at-risk patients better access to lifesaving overdose reversal drugs.

Here's a floor statement I delivered in support of the House's efforts:



(Click picture for video)

Traveling Help Desk Provided Assistance on Travel and Immigration



(Residents attend Traveling Help Desk in Woodstock)

Providing timely and helpful assistance to constituents who interact with the federal government is a top priority for me and my staff. My office hosted a Traveling Help Desk in Woodstock to help constituents obtain valuable information and in-person assistance on two important topics: Safe International Travel and the Legal Immigration Process.

The event brought in experts from the U.S. Department of State and U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services to ensure residents have the best, most up-to-date information and assistance.

In addition, [my office hosted another Traveling Help Desk in Sycamore.](#)

Police Week: Honoring Heroic Kane County Officer



We celebrated National Police Week this May to recognize the brave service given every day by men and women in law enforcement.

I delivered a floor statement to honor Kane County Officer of the Year Dean Tucker for his heroic actions to save the life of a 7-year-old girl.



(Click picture for video)

Genocide Declared in Middle East, but More Work Needed



(Click picture for video)

Takata Airbag Recall Notice

Vehicles made by 14 different automakers have been recalled to replace frontal airbags in what the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) has called "the largest and most complex safety recall in U.S. history." [Please click here to find out more information and what actions you should take if needed.](#)

Additional Legislative Roundup

- A bill I cosponsored, [H.R. 1150, the Frank R. Wolf International Religious Freedom Act of 2015](#) passed the House and ensures religious liberty is a central component of our nation's foreign policy. [Read more here.](#)
- I [received the "Champion of Healthcare Innovation" Award](#), in part for [my work on legislation](#) to gives states like Illinois real flexibility when it comes to healthcare.
- I joined a new effort, the Faith and Justice Fellowship, to advance criminal justice reform at all levels of government. [Click here to watch the press conference near the Supreme Court.](#)

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.

In Your Service,



*Randy Hultgren
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Randy in the News

- [Congressmen: Boeing deal with Iran would turn airplanes into 'warplanes'](#) (FoxNews.com)
- [Genocide Debate, Far From Over](#) (CBN News)
- [House approves NDAA authorizing \\$610 billion in national defense funding](#) (Ripon Advance)
- [House passes sweeping legislation to combat opioid abuse](#) (Talk Media News)
- [IL GOP Delegates Vote to Maintain One-Man, One-Woman Marriage Platform Plank](#) (Illinois Review)
- [Illinois Congressmen Write Boeing CEO, Urge Against Business with Iran](#) (NBC 5 Chicago)
- [Lawmakers Urge U.S. to Keep Sanctions on Chinese Company Doing Business With Iran](#) (Washington Free Beacon)
- [Letter: Speak up, and they will listen](#) (Northwest Herald)
- [OHS student wins Congressional Art Competition](#) (Kendall County Now)
- [Political, Faith Leaders Call for Criminal Justice Reform](#) (CBN News)
- [Rep. Hultgren Announces 2016 Art Competition Winner at Oswego High School Reception](#) (WSPY News)
- [Reps. Quigley and Hultgren on Issues Facing Congress and 2016 Election](#) (WTTW Chicago Tonight)

- [Sugar Grove resident receives honorable mention in 2016 Congressional Art Competition](#) (Kane County Chronicle)
- [U.S. Rep. Randy Hultgren speaks with constituents in Sycamore](#) (DeKalb Daily Chronicle)
- [Why House Panel Leaders Should Care About Munis](#) (The Bond Buyer)

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