

# Julie Olthoff

**Indiana House of Representatives:** 2014-Present

**House District 19:** Portions of Lake County

**House Standing Committees:**

Commerce, Small Business and Economic Development

Family, Children and Human Affairs

Government and Regulatory Reform

**Interim Study Committee:** Commerce and Economic Development

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**Education:** Studied at Indiana University Northwest

**Occupation:** President and owner of VIA Marketing

State Representative Julie Olthoff was born the second oldest of seven children and worked her way through college. Employed at Adcom Advertising for nine years, she worked her way up to art director. Eventually she started her own firm, VIA Marketing. Her company has been serving Northwest Indiana for 29 years and employs seven people. She has been married to Ron Olthoff since 1986 and attends CrossPoint Church. Both participated in mission trips to Argentina and Brazil.

**Community Involvement:**

Athena International Leadership Award, 1994 Business Woman of the Year

2014 SBDC E-Day Women in Business Champion Award

Lake County Economic Development Alliance, Founding Board Member 2013

Engaging Northwest Indiana Business Women, Founding Board Member 2009 - 2012

2013 Chairman of Crossroads Regional Chamber of Commerce

1998-99 Chairman and Lifetime Achievement Award, Merrillville Chamber of Commerce

Employer of the Year Award 2003-2004

Merrillville Redevelopment Authority, 2014 President

Merrillville Plan Commission over 10 years



## **Legislative accomplishments:**

### **2016**

**ABLE authority and board** – authored bill giving individuals with disabilities the ability to open a tax-free savings account.

**Sexual assault victims assistance fund** – authored bill that allows seed money from this fund to open more rape crisis centers and fund trauma informed sexual assault services. Trauma informed sexual assault services address the physical, psychological, and emotional needs of sexual assault victims.

**Indiana economic development corporation** – sponsored bill which cleans-up the Indiana Economic Development Corporation statute and the programs the corporation operates.

**Prosecutions for rape and criminal deviate conduct** – co-authored bill to protect victims of sexual assault. The law will help ensure that victims of sexual assault on college campuses can file a confidential report of the incident.

**Human trafficking** – co-authored bill increasing punishment for human traffickers and improving juvenile justice programs.

**Indiana Code technical corrections** – co-authored bill replacing certain pronouns with gender neuter pronouns.

**Fresh food initiative** – sponsored bill to help provide fresh food in underserved areas.

**Guardianship** – co-authored bill giving parents and legal guardians with power of attorney of their children to delegate responsibility for their children to third-party individuals without requiring those individuals to submit to the licensing and regulations requirements that foster care providers must adhere to.

### **2015**

**Private property rights** – co-authored bill allowing homeowners associations to adopt a rule that prohibits candidates or officeholders from conducting political activity on personal property within private communities in certain circumstances.

**Beer, wine, liquor prizes/charity auction sales** – authored bill allowing charities to give or auction sealed alcohol beverages as prizes without obtaining a permit.

**Safety PIN grant program** – co-authored bill establishing the Safety PIN (protecting Indiana's Newborns) grant program for the purpose of reducing Indiana's infant mortality rates.

**211 dialing code for human services information** – co-authored bill to fund the 211 call centers and add assistance concerning domestic violence, infant mortality, veterans, senior services, vulnerable children, and public health.

**CHINS and delinquent child dual determination** – co-authored bill requiring a child in need of services (CHINS) determination which has been adjudicated as delinquent to be provided services.

**Missing children and trafficked children** – co-authored bill requiring the superintendent of the Indiana State Police Department to prepare a pamphlet with information from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children and the National Runaway Safeline. It also provides a defense to the crime of prostitution if the victim was under 18 years old and a victim of human trafficking at the time the crime was committed.

**Local government investments** – co-authored bill requiring a political subdivision, other than a township, not to be required to deposit funds on the next business day following a receipt of the funds if the funds on hand do not exceed \$500.

**Regulation of e-liquids** – co-authored bill defining and regulating “e-liquid” as a substance that is intended to be vaporized and inhaled using a vapor pen.

**Statute of limitations on rape** – sponsored bill lengthening the statute of limitations for filing rape charges by an additional five years if the state discovers new DNA evidence identifying the offender.

**Reporting of government malfeasance** – sponsored a bill for confidentiality and relief for an individual who reports certain suspected violations of law by local public officers.

**Serious sex offenders** – sponsored a bill strengthening penalties for convicted sex offenders entering school grounds during elections. The law requires offenders with a polling place on or near school property to vote by mail or arrange for transportation to an alternative voting center.

**Northwest Indiana Law Enforcement Academy** – sponsored a bill designating the Northwest Indiana Law Enforcement Academy as a criminal justice agency, and specifies that it is a board certified training center.