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DID YOU KNOW...

Kansas Lieutenant Governor Jeff Colyer will [become](#) the sixth Republican Lt. Governor to become Governor since 2016. Alabama, Indiana, Iowa, South Carolina, and Vermont have all had Republican Lt. Governors assume the gubernatorial office within the past year. Colyer is expected to take over as Governor next Wednesday after current Governor Sam Brownback was officially confirmed as a UN ambassador for international religious freedom by the United States Senate on Wednesday.

NOTEWORTHY NEWS

The Pennsylvania Supreme Court [ruled](#) on Tuesday that Congressional maps for the state must be redrawn after declaring them unconstitutional under state law. Republican leaders in the state legislature have moved to seek a stay from the U.S. Supreme Court as the Democratic-controlled state Supreme Court gave them less than three weeks to draw new maps. "The PA Supreme Court has overstepped its legal authority and set up an impossible deadline that will only introduce chaos in the upcoming Congressional election," Republican Senate President Pro Tempore Joe Scarnati and Senate Majority Leader Jake Corman said in a [joint statement](#) about the ruling.

Huffington Post [quoted](#) RSLC President Matt Walter in an article about the results of recent state legislative special elections. "Democrats want to make winning one out of four [recent] contested special elections ... sound like a tidal wave, when it was just a ripple," Walter said.

Pennsylvania House Republican Majority Leader Dave Reed [announced](#) a bid for Pennsylvania's 9th

Congressional district Tuesday morning. First elected to the state legislature in 2003, Reed has served as the Majority Leader for the past three years and said he plans to maintain his leadership position during his Congressional bid. A press release from his campaign said he intends to focus on “national defense, balanced budgets, sane economic policy, and the protection of the dignity of life” on the campaign trail.

Hawaii Republican House Minority Leader Andria Tupola officially [entered](#) the gubernatorial race on Saturday. "I'm a believer that if you don't see a leader in the room, you have to become that leader," Tupola said upon her announcement. Tupola has quickly risen through the leadership ranks in the Hawaii state House since she was elected in 2014.

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