



# State Representative **Lonnie Reed**

## Keeping Our Kids Safe & Healthy

Branford's children need our protection from the numerous harms that exist. This legislative session I worked hard with my colleagues to pass legislation to do just that.

### NEW SAFEGUARDS AGAINST SEX OFFENDERS

PA 09-199 | SB 533 – EFFECTIVE: 09.01.09

- » Requires the Dept. of Public Safety to notify the superintendents of schools in communities where sex offenders live or plan to live

### REQUIRING CYSTIC FIBROSIS SCREENINGS

PA 09-20 | HB 6263 – EFFECTIVE: 10.01.09

- » Promotes early detection of cystic fibrosis
- » Requires all hospitals to test for cystic fibrosis in infants
- » Early treatment can improve health, longevity, and quality of life

### PROMPT TREATMENT OF ALLERGIES IN SCHOOLS

PA 09-155 | SB 755 – EFFECTIVE: 08.15.09

- » Permits some students with asthma or allergies to carry inhalers and epi-pens in school
- » Allows students to self-administer with proper authorization
- » Adds licensed athletic trainers to the list of school personnel permitted to administer medication

### HEALTH INSURANCE FOR AUTISM TREATMENTS

PA 09-115 | SB 301 – EFFECTIVE: 01.01.10

- » Autism spectrum disorder affects one out of every 150 people and we passed legislation this year to require insurance coverage for critical treatments that greatly improve quality of life. We expect this coverage will also decrease the lifetime costs of treatment.



The Branford Memorial Day Parade.

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# CAPITOL NEWS 2009



Dear Neighbors,

*This Session was dominated by a biennial budget deficit totaling \$8.56 Billion—an order of magnitude never before experienced, even by veteran legislators who have served through Connecticut's prior tough times.*

*We finally achieved a budget compromise that allows our state to function responsibly while meeting the needs of our constituents. It also positions us to create efficiencies and savings going forward and to make the wise investments necessary to speed our financial recovery.*

*While we were grappling with budget matters, we were also fighting for landmark healthcare reforms, important environmental legislation and bills protecting children, senior citizens, military families, students and homeowners.*

*And we pursued those goals in the most cost effective ways possible.*

*I am proud to say that I was able to play a meaningful role by introducing, sponsoring, helping to draft and to guide through my committees several important new laws.*

*My special thanks to so many of you for staying in close touch with me and for helping to inform my decision making by sharing your thoughts, suggestions, ideas and expertise. It is an honor and a privilege to represent you in Hartford.*

Sincerely,

*Lonnie Reed*  
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## Assisting Our Seniors

Safeguarding the independence, health, safety and economic security of seniors is one of our top priorities. This year, I co-sponsored several initiatives to improve the quality of life for seniors in our communities.

### SENIOR FRAUD PROTECTION

PA 09-174 | HB 6231 – EFFECTIVE 07.01.09

- » Prohibits financial advisors from falsifying their credentials to lure senior investors
- » Requires the adoption of regulations pertaining to the sale of life insurance and annuities to seniors
- » Exposes violators to possible prison terms and fines

### AFFORDABLE ELDERLY HOMECARE

PA 09-64 | SB 814 – EFFECTIVE: 04.01.10

- » Expands access to affordable homecare support services that help seniors remain in their own homes
- » Expands personal care assistance services to more of our seniors

### SENIOR DISCOUNT PROGRAMS

PA 09-53 | HB 5674 – EFFECTIVE 10.01.09

- » Provides seniors with greater access to senior citizen discount programs
- » Requires businesses to disclose details of programs and eligibility requirements

### IMPROVED SERVICES FOR ALZHEIMERS PATIENTS

PA 09-75 | SB 989 – EFFECTIVE 07.01.09

- » Increases the annual income eligibility limit from \$30,000 to \$41,000
- » Enhances benefits for some recipients



Rep. Reed is joined by Rep. Widlitz, Rep. Heinrich, Sen. Meyer and community members for the Soundview Family YMCA groundbreaking in Branford. Our delegation secured \$600,000 for the facility that will serve five towns.

## Working for Community Affordability

Making government more efficient and cost effective is especially crucial during these difficult economic times. This year I co-sponsored legislation to help towns work together towards a mutual goal of trimming costs and reducing property taxes by sharing certain services and economic opportunities.

### IMPROVING REGIONAL COOPERATION

PA 09-231 | HB 6585 – EFFECTIVE: 07.01.11

- » Allows towns to enter into mutual agreements to promote regional economic development
- » Offers incentives for towns to voluntarily cooperate with one another on projects, programs and equipment purchases

## Effective Teamwork is Important at the Capitol

We successfully joined forces to co-sponsor and win the passage of several legislative initiatives pertaining to the health, safety and economic security of our constituents.



Rep. Reed, Rep. Widlitz, and Rep. Heinrich at the Capitol.

## Protecting our Environment

This year we acted to preserve Connecticut's unrivaled natural beauty and to ensure a safe, healthy environment. I am proud to have co-sponsored important legislation.

### PROTECTING LONG ISLAND SOUND

Vetoed by Governor/ Re-Passed by General Assembly

PA 09-151 | SB 1078 – EFFECTIVE: 07.01.09

- » Creates bi-state (CT/NY) commission to review environmental, ecological and energy issues
- » Allows cooperative protection of Long Island Sound and the lower Hudson River Valley

### BANNING TOXIC CHEMICALS

PA 09-103 | HB 6572 - EFFECTIVE: 10.01.11

- » Bans bisphenol-A (BPA) an industrial chemical with toxic properties from use in baby bottles, infant formula and children's food containers

### GREEN CLEANING PRODUCTS

PA 09-81 | HB 6496 – EFFECTIVE: 10.01.09

- » Encourages and enables schools to replace toxic cleaning products with safer green cleaning products

### PESTICIDES AT SCHOOLS

PA 09-56 | SB 1020 – EFFECTIVE: 05.20.09

- » Defines “certified pesticide applicator” and limits the use of pesticides at day care facilities to such professionals
- » Imposes new notification requirements

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Rep. Reed speaking about environmental issues at Branford Point.



Rep. Reed presenting a new American flag to the staff and guests at Orchard House Adult Daycare.