

Our Tank Is Home Again

I was honored to help when Branford veterans sounded the alarm that our Korean War Memorial, an armored personnel carrier, had been taken away for a museum. All's well that ends well. The beloved "tank" was returned home re-painted and looking better than ever.



Tom Sudac/Rep. Reed/Col John Whitford

We passed veteran's bills that:

- Provide disabled wartime veterans with free parking, admission, and boat access parking to state recreational areas
- Expand the waiver of property tax interest for certain armed forces members in Iraq and Afghanistan
- Create a one-stop website for services available for veterans <http://ctveterans.org/>

PRESERVING OUR ENVIRONMENT



Rep. Pat Widlitz and I teamed up with New York state legislators to form the Long Island Sound Bi-State Caucus. By working together, we can better protect the Sound and encourage beneficial economic growth.

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Dear Neighbors,

Growing Jobs, Lowering Energy Costs and Making Government More Efficient and Affordable

– These are just three of the goals we set out to achieve this session and our work is far from over.

As we continue to confront challenges, our phones ring off the hook with calls from anxious constituents.

I am grateful to so many of you who have shared your expertise, your personal stories and your concerns about both taxes and the fear of losing support services that care for children, seniors and veterans and help keep homes heated during the cold winter months ahead.

Your input is invaluable as we continue to work toward finding that successful balance between cutting and spending that stimulates business, protects the vulnerable and positions Connecticut for a sustainable and robust future.

Again, there is much to be done; but we are proud of several accomplishments this session and I hope you will find these highlights informative.

As always, I am honored to serve you, I am easy to reach and I look forward to our continuing conversations.

Best Wishes,

Lonnie Reed



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PROVIDING AFFORDABLE, DEPENDABLE ENERGY

As Co-Chair of the Energy and Technology Committee, I helped negotiate major energy reform legislation designed to:

- Lower energy costs by eliminating the surcharge on electric bills and reducing purchasing costs in a variety of ways
- Create and support businesses and jobs in the clean energy industry
- Establish a one-stop-shopping office for businesses eager to take advantage of cost effective energy efficiencies and renewable products
- Help consumers pay-for and replace old, inefficient heating systems



SPEEDING UP STORM RESPONSE

I participated in public hearings held to speed up the ability of utilities and other public service companies to respond to events such as Tropical Storm Irene that left so many of us in the dark for days.

If you need additional assistance or have questions, please contact me:

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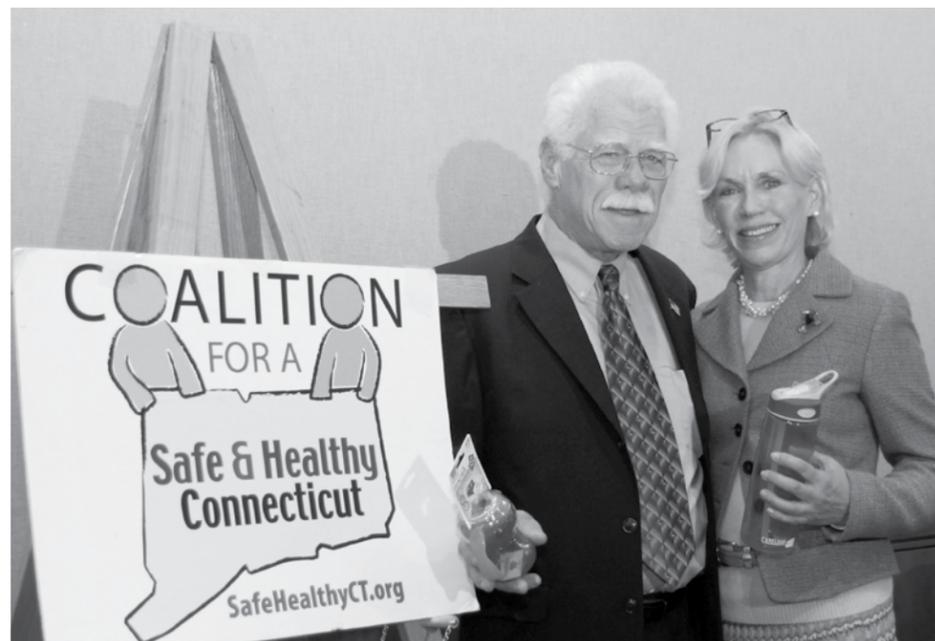
SAFER

Rep. Widlitz and I presented the legislature's Thank You proclamation to Branford Police Chief John DeCarlo for his 34 years of dedicated service to law enforcement.

Chief DeCarlo retired from the Branford PD in September. He has a PhD in Criminal Justice and is now a full time associate professor at the University of New Haven. Chief DeCarlo is a big believer in DNA testing and we welcomed his support this session for a new law to increase testing for DNA evidence. We also strengthened our drunk driving and domestic violence laws.

AND HEALTHIER

I helped lead the battle to make our state the first in the nation to ban the toxin BPA from baby bottles and other children's food containers. The law took effect October 1st of this year. We also opened the state employee healthcare plan to municipal employees and nonprofits.



JOBS & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – MY #1 Priority

I continue to meet with public and private sector leaders and bioscience experts from Yale, UConn and Wesleyan in a pro-active push to help Connecticut achieve its goal of hosting a Bioscience Center that is second to none. Governor Malloy just announced a major triumph. The Jackson Laboratory – a force in the fast growing field of personalized medicine—will build a \$1.1 billion facility here that creates 800 construction jobs, 600 research-related jobs and 6200 spinoff job opportunities. Bioscience will help build our future while saving lives.

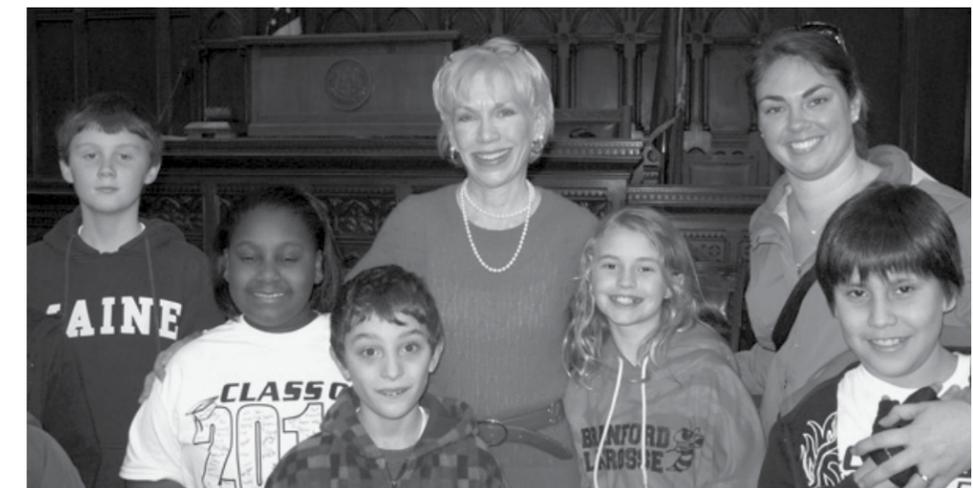


I also supported new laws that:

- Expand our reinvestments in manufacturing
- Save our Vo-tech schools which teach the in-demand skills that put people to work
- Encourage large companies to add jobs or move to our state under the "First Five" program
- Provide student loan reimbursements for green-tech degree holders after 2 years employment in the field

PROTECTING STATE DOLLARS TO EDUCATION

I fought to keep the new state budget from reducing funds for Branford schools. I also supported expanding our anti-bullying law to include bullying, harassment and intimidation using the Internet or mobile phones.



Rep. Reed welcomes students from the Mary Murphy Elementary School