



Dear Neighbor,

The 2025 legislative session is in the books and I am proud of what we accomplished.

We focused on big issues in 2025: eldercare, protecting health care workers, childcare, early childhood nutrition and funding for our community colleges and state university system.

I remain filled with deep gratitude and pride to be your State Representative.

All my best,

Hilda E. Santiago



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Congratulating Mr. Morgan on his retirement after 40 years of service as Fire Chief for the City of Meriden. Wishing him the very best in retirement.



Presenting state recognitions to HOLA scholarship recipients at the Midstate Chamber of Commerce. These outstanding Latino students are on their way to college.

INVESTING IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

- Established the foundation for an early childhood education Endowment to ensure every family has access to affordable, high-quality childcare.
- Free childcare for families earning up to \$100,000, with cost caps for families earning more.
- Endowment funded through budget surplus, allowing for long-term sustainability while continuing to support the Rainy Day Fund and reduce pension debt.

2025 SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

\$93 MILLION IN FUNDING FOR MERIDEN

- \$1.9 million in Community Investment Funding to improve Columbus Park and the Linear Trails.
- \$250,000 grant awarded for the planning phase of the Meriden Health Department.
- \$83 million in Education Cost Sharing (ECS) funding for Meriden schools – a \$4 million increase from last year.



Hosting a community update at Meriden Public Library with Meriden colleagues.



Juneteenth Celebration in Middletown with Reverend Dr. Willie Young of Mt. Hebron Church in Meriden and Acting Mayor Gene Nocera.



CEO Pam Fields and clients from MidState Arc of Meriden and Wallingford at a nonprofit advocacy rally at the Capitol. MidState Arc serves adults with disabilities.



The swearing-in of Fire Chief Cristina Schoeck, the first woman to serve as Fire Chief in the history of the City of Meriden. Also pictured: New Britain Councilor Iris Sanchez.



The Meriden Delegation joins local veterans from World War II and the Vietnam War at Meriden’s Memorial Day Parade.