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Adopting West Rock Ridge Park



Above: West Rock Ridge Park Association past President Bill Doheny and current President Theodore B. Lynn congratulate me on “adopting” West Rock Ridge State Park as part of the year-long centennial of Connecticut's state parks. I encourage you to visit this great natural resource in our backyard. Learn more at: westrockpark.wordpress.com

Addressing Children's Mental Health Care



Following the Newtown tragedy, Democrats and Republicans came together to improve Connecticut's mental health care system, with particular focus on the well-being of children. As a member of the Gun Violence Prevention Mental Health Working Group, I was proud to contribute to this initiative and to co-sponsor legislation that addresses the mental, emotional and behavioral health needs of all children in our state.

This successful legislation requires the implementation of a strong, comprehensive, integrated system of care. It identifies strategies for reducing the long-term negative impact of mental, emotional and behavioral health issues on children. Prevention techniques, such as early identification and intervention, and ensuring access to developmentally appropriate services are among the strategies identified. It also creates a Children's Mental Health Task Force to study the effects of nutrition, genetics and medication on our youngsters.

Labeling Genetically Modified Food

I'm pleased to inform you that Connecticut has adopted a landmark, first-in-the-nation law that requires labeling on foods sold at retail containing genetically modified ingredients, or GMOs. The bipartisan legislation will take effect after four other states meeting certain criteria adopt similar laws. One of those four states must border Connecticut, and the combined total population of such states located in the Northeast must exceed 20 million.

