

## Rep. Rothman Honors Life-Saver and Local Hero, Angelica Mercado

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technician, with a certificate of Congressional Recognition for her heroic rescue of tanker truck driver Rajinder Singh.

Ms. Mercado, a third-year nursing student at Felician College in Lodi, risked her own life when she pulled

over on November 25, 2008, after witnessing a tanker truck explode on the New Jersey Turnpike. Upon seeing Mr. Singh

emerge from the crash engulfed in flames, Ms. Mercado used her coat to smother the fire before getting him into her car and driving him to the nearest

hospital, Saint Barnabas Medical Center in Livingston. On a separate occasion, at Paramus Catholic High School, Rep. Rothman also

recognized Sergio and Eddie Valente, twin 17-year-old brothers from Ridgefield Park, for their life saving assistance to Angelica and Mr. Singh that afternoon.

Pictured L-R: Rep. Rothman, Angelica Mercado, and Michael Maron, President and Chief Operating Officer of Holy Name Hospital

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