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On Friday, December 8th, 2006, Congressman Steve Rothman (D-NJ) congratulated Hasbrouck Heights High School. His remarks have been documented in the Congressional Record of the 109th Congress. The Congressional Record contains the official records of proceedings and debates of Congress from 1994 forward and is maintained by the U.S. Government Printing Office. The full text of Rep. Rothman's remarks follows:

"Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate the dedicated students and faculty at Hasbrouck Heights High School who have made The Pilot's Log an award-winning and exemplary newspaper year after year.

"This November, students earned top honors from the National Scholastic Press Association by capturing a Pacemaker Award — the third in four years. Widely considered the Pulitzer Prize of high school journalism, this award is a testament to the outstanding writing, photography, layout, and management skills that students learn at Hasbrouck Heights High School. Journalism is a difficult profession and learning to meet deadlines and juggle priorities is challenging at any age.

"I am extremely proud of the 2006 Pilot's Log editorial staff: Matthew Connors, Wade Friedel, Harvir Kaur, Brielle Marino, Joseph Marino, Kaitlin Olcott, Russell Piazza, Prachi Prachi, Nishit Raval, Robert Spindler, Caitlyn J. Walsh, and Nicole Weingartner. I also applaud their teachers and families, who encouraged and helped them along the way. Pilot's Log advisers Lora Geftic and Gary Pankiewicz deserve special recognition for the quality of their teaching.

"It is an honor to represent so many individuals dedicated to the values and ideals of journalism. I am especially pleased that a Pacemaker Award has gone to a student newspaper written, printed, and distributed in my own Congressional District. I again offer my congratulations to the award-winning students and teachers at Hasbrouck Heights High School for the consistent, first-rate reporting in The Pilot's Log. Keep up the good work!"

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