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East Rutherford NJ - Congressman Steve Rothman (D-Fair Lawn) joined family, soldiers, friends and neighbors of Staff Sgt. Frank T. Carvill in honoring his service and sacrifice for our country. Congressman Rothman and others paid tribute to Staff Sgt. Carvill at a United Service Organizations (USO) Show and Tribute Concert in honor of the lifelong resident of Carlstadt who was a twenty year veteran of the New Jersey National Guard. Carvill was killed early last month while serving in Iraq when his convoy came under attack by insurgents using rocket-propelled grenades and improvised explosive devices.

"Staff Sgt. Carvill responded to the call of duty and gave his life for his country," Rothman said. "Frank Carvill and 180,000 troops freed 25 million Iraqi people from tyranny. That's quite a life's work, however undeservedly short," he said. "We are grateful that Frank Carvill gave his life to protect us. We have an obligation never to forget him, his service, his sacrifice, or the loss to his family."

Congressman Rothman presented Staff Sgt. Carvill's mother, Mary, with a flag that had been flown over the United States Capitol in honor of her son. The flag was enclosed in a polished wood case with a gold United States Congressional Seal placed next to Staff Sgt. Carvill's engraved name.

The tribute, which took place at the Henry P. Becton Regional High School Auditorium in East Rutherford on Saturday July 3rd, was sponsored by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Carlstadt. The ceremonies were held not only to memorialize Staff Sgt. Carvill, but to honor the sacrifices and service of all the brave men and women serving abroad in the US Armed Forces. The evening, which featured remembrances from numerous individuals from the community, as well as a musical tribute by members of the USO, drew more than 450 people from the area.

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