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Post Office Will Honor Borough's First Officer Killed in the Line of Duty;  
Measure Next Moves to the Senate

Washington, DC - Congressman Steve Rothman (D-Fair Lawn) today announced that the U.S. House of Representatives unanimously passed a bill he authored that would rename the main post office in Fair Lawn, located at 14-24 Abbott Road, after fallen Police Officer Mary Ann Collura - the Borough's first officer killed in the line of duty. Every member of the New Jersey House delegation was an original cosponsor of the measure to honor Collura, who was also the first female police officer in Fair Lawn. Following the introduction of Rothman's bill on March 11, U.S. Senators Jon Corzine (D-NJ) and Frank Lautenberg (D-NJ) introduced identical legislation in the Senate where it is now pending before the Committee on Governmental Affairs and is expected to be passed in the near future.

"I am very pleased that today my colleagues in the House voted to honor the life of Mary Ann Collura, a true American hero, by renaming the main Fair Lawn post office after her," said Rothman, who credited a Fair Lawn High School student with suggesting the idea to rename the post office after Collura. "This measure commemorates Mary Ann Collura's life and pays tribute to her service and ultimate sacrifice on our behalf. Once this bill becomes law, anyone who goes to the main Fair Lawn Post Office will be reminded of Mary Ann. And when new generations, who did not have the opportunity to know Mary Ann, go to the post office, they will be prompted to ask, 'Who was Mary Ann Collura?' And then, once again, the story of this remarkable police officer will be told."

After dutifully serving 18 years as an outstanding officer and as a role model in her community, Officer Collura was fatally shot on April 17, 2003 in the line of duty. Officer Collura was backing up Clifton, New Jersey Police Officer Steve Farrell who was trying to arrest three men following a car chase that ended outside a church in Fair Lawn.

"Mary Ann Collura was a beloved mentor and neighbor in the Fair Lawn community both as a police officer who committed her life to keeping residents safe and also as an adult young people always felt comfortable sharing their problems with," Rothman said. "Having the main post office in Fair Lawn named after Mary Ann Collura will help ensure that her legacy lives on in our community forever."

Once the Senate approves the Collura measure, the bill will head to the White House where the President is expected to sign it into law.

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