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Reads Dr. Seuss Book To Third Graders In Jersey City & Hawthorne

Jersey City, NJ - In an effort to get area schoolchildren excited about reading, Congressman Steve Rothman (D-Fair Lawn) today visited two Northern New Jersey schools to read one of his favorite children's books to third graders as part of the "Read Across America" program. Rothman visited Jersey City's Al Zampella School (Public School 27) and Hawthorne's Roosevelt School where he read Dr. Seuss's book, "The Lorax."

"I was delighted to visit with schoolchildren in Jersey City and Hawthorne to read to them a great Dr. Seuss book and try to convey the importance of reading," Rothman said. "Getting children excited to read at an early age will help motivate them to become avid readers throughout their lives. Whether it is reading fiction or non-fiction, for school or for fun, or during the day or at night, reading a book, newspaper, or magazine is one of the most rewarding and educational activities for children and adults."

Celebrated every year since 1998, the National Education Association's (NEA) "Read Across America" commemorates the birthday of Theodor Geisel (Dr. Seuss), and calls attention to the critical role of reading in the lives of adults and students alike. Last year, it was estimated that tens of millions of children, teenagers, and adults across the country participated in "Read Across America" activities. Dr. Seuss would have been 100 years-old today.

"The Lorax" is a book that in a clever and touching way makes clear the importance of balancing the need to earn a living without destroying the environment. As an example to the students of how Northern New Jerseyans can protect the environment, Rothman has made it a priority to preserve the 8,400 undeveloped acres of the Hackensack Meadowlands with the ultimate goal of turning them into an environmental park. Rothman has also helped secure federal funds to clean and restore the Passaic River.

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