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Measure Formally Changes Name From North Hackensack Post Office
In Order To Recognize The Historical Importance Of Nearby Revolutionary War Site

Washington, DC - Congressman Steve Rothman (D-NJ9) last night helped pass in the House a measure that he cosponsored to redesignate the North Hackensack Post Office, located at 121 Kinderkamack Road in River Edge, as the New Bridge Landing Post Office. The measure was formally introduced by Congressman Scott Garrett (R-NJ5) because he now represents River Edge where the building is located. For post office designations, it is a custom in the House for the Member who represents the town in which the post office exists to be the one who sponsors a redesignation measure. Until this term, when the congressional districts were reconfigured, Rothman represented River Edge. Rothman has worked over the years to help preserve and garner recognition for New Bridge Landing.

The following is a statement Rothman entered into the Congressional Record last night in support of the measure to redesignate the postal facility as the New Bridge Landing Post Office:

"Mr. Speaker: I rise today in strong support of H.R. 2130, a bill to redesignate the United States Postal Service facility at 121 Kinderkamack Road in River Edge, New Jersey as the New Bridge Landing Post Office.

"As a life-long resident of New Jersey, a history buff, and the Congressman who formerly represented the Borough of River Edge for my first six years in Congress, I am delighted to be a cosponsor of legislation that will highlight the unique, strategic role that New Jersey, and specifically River Edge, played in the birth of our nation and the Continental Army's success in the Revolutionary War. Renaming the River Edge postal facility - located just two blocks away from Historic New Bridge Landing - will help ensure that future generations will have a window into New Jersey's colonial life that was home to more Revolutionary War engagements than any other of the 13 original colonies.

"New Bridge Landing has played a pivotal role in the development of River Edge since Native Americans first inhabited the area. During the Revolutionary War, General George Washington retreated from historic Fort Lee across New Bridge Landing, leading the unprecedented march of a ragtag band of volunteer soldiers and a committed people in pursuit of the timeless ideals of liberty, freedom, and equality that our nation enjoys today. Its proximity to the Hackensack River later made it a hub for industrial development; it was used as both a tidal mill and a bustling shipping point for iron.

"Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride and gratitude for those revolutionary fighters that I ask all my colleagues to join me in support of H.R. 2130, so that future generations of New Jerseyans will remember what those heroic patriots accomplished at New Bridge Landing so long ago."

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