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Cites Congressman's Efforts To Help Preserve State's Open Space, Stop Pollution

Princeton, NJ - In recognition of his strong environmental record that has helped preserve open space and stop pollution in New Jersey and across the nation, the New Jersey Chapter of the Sierra Club today honored Congressman Steve Rothman (D-NJ9) at its Executive Committee's Annual Awards Reception in Princeton. Rothman was recognized for his strong environmental record by current and former leaders, as well as volunteers, of the organization.

"Whether it is saving, cleaning up, and preserving the 8,400 undeveloped acres of the Hackensack Meadowlands as an environmental park, fighting those who pollute our air, or fighting to make sure that New Jersey's beaches and shorelines are clean, I have worked tirelessly to do what is right and necessary to protect New Jersey's environment," Rothman said. "I am honored and humbled to receive this award from the New Jersey Chapter of the Sierra Club in recognition of my work on behalf of the environment."

The Sierra Club is America's oldest, largest and most influential grassroots environmental organization. Its mission statement is to explore, enjoy, and protect the wild places of the earth; to practice and promote the responsible use of the earth's ecosystems and resources; and to educate and enlist humanity to protect and restore the quality of the natural and human environments.

"I pledge to continue to aggressively fight the environmental policies of the Bush Administration and the Republican-controlled Congress, which do nothing more than allow for increased pollution, over-development, and the degradation of New Jersey's and the nation's natural wonders," Rothman said. "It is imperative that we implement environmental policies that live up to New Jersey's nickname of the Garden State by restoring and preserving the great outdoors."

Also attending the awards reception were New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Commissioner Bradley Campbell, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Assistant Commissioner Marc Matsil, and other top environmentalists from around New Jersey.

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