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Congressman speaks to middle school students in  
Carlstadt, Hasbrouck Heights, and South Hackensack

Bergen County, NJ - In an effort to encourage students to become involved with their communities, Congressman Steve Rothman (D-NJ9) today visited Washington Middle School in Carlstadt, Hasbrouck Heights Middle School, and Memorial School in South Hackensack where he talked about how he became involved in public service, how Congress works, and how students can make a difference in their own neighborhoods.

“As a Congressman, one of my greatest satisfactions is to come to our schools and talk with our young people about the ability they have to make a difference,” said Rothman, the father of two school-aged children. “There is no greater reward for me than when I can engage students in current events and get them to start thinking about the positive impact they can individually and collectively have in this world.”

Rothman described what it was like for him to grow up in Bergen County and to be part of the first generation in his family to obtain a college degree. He discussed how he wanted to better the lives of those in his community, which is why he decided to enter public service. Rothman then went on to say what life is like as a congressman before encouraging students to become involved with issues that affect them and their neighbors.

“There are those people in the world who choose to wear blinders and only focus on what affects them personally. I made the decision to take my blinders off at a young age,” Rothman told the students. “You don’t need to be a congressman to make a difference. All you need to do is speak up when you see injustice and speak up when you see something that is wrong, that hurts others.”

Prior to being elected to Congress in 1996, Rothman served two terms as the Mayor of Englewood and was then elected Bergen County Surrogate Court judge.

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