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From the Wright Brothers To Flying Eggs:

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Hackensack, NJ - Congressman Steve Rothman (D-NJ9) today encouraged New Jersey students to participate in the upcoming "Team America Rocketry Challenge," a national rocket design and launch contest that will commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Wright Brothers' first power flight in 1903.

"The Team America Rocketry Challenge will give New Jersey students a hands-on opportunity to explore fields of science and technology, while also participating in America's great heritage of discovery and advancement," Rothman said. "I hope that many of New Jersey's brightest and most talented students will part in this exciting contest and will experience the thrill of invention and discovery felt by the Wright Brothers 100 years ago."

Rothman said the Challenge requires students to design, build, and fly a multi-stage model rocket with two raw eggs and an electronic altimeter to as close to 1,500 feet as possible, returning both eggs intact. A fly-off competition for the top 100 teams will be held in Northern Virginia in May 2003. The top five teams will share in a total prize pool of approximately \$50,000 in savings bonds, while their sponsoring teachers and departments will divide up approximately \$9,000 in cash awards.

The Challenge is the first national model rocket competition for high school teams. Junior high school students may participate by joining a local high school team. For more information about the contest, students are encouraged to visit www.rocketcontest.org.

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