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(Hackensack, NJ) - Congressman Steve Rothman (D-Fair Lawn) released the following statement today on the death of Pope John Paul II.

"I join with millions around the world in mourning the passing of his holiness, Pope John Paul II. He will be regarded as one of history's greatest Popes. The pontiff lived his final years with the same faith, grace, courage, and dignity that he had demonstrated throughout his life -- as a young seminarian in Nazi-occupied Poland, an international leader in the defeat of communism, a bridge-builder to those of other faiths, and a towering figure of faith and religious principle. Pope John Paul II's profound faith, compassion, works on behalf of the sick and the poor, his fight for human rights and his never-ending quest for peace in this world continues to set an example for us all."