

## Congressman Rothman's Statement on Arab-American Heritage Month

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Washington, DC &ndash; Congressman Steve Rothman (D-NJ) released the following statement on the importance of Arab-American Heritage Month:

I am pleased and proud to join my constituents in commemorating April as Arab-American Heritage Month and celebrating the many achievements of our Arab-American brothers and sisters. Arab-Americans' accomplishments throughout history have strengthened this country and allowed us to achieve great things.

Courageous military service by Arab-Americans dates as far back as the Revolutionary War and continues today. Innovative ideas by Arab-Americans, such as the artificial heart and the 1949 Ford automobile, have been crucial in establishing America as an intellectual leader. Arab-Americans' successes in literature and the arts, ranging from poetry to fashion design to music, have enriched our country's culture. These are but a few examples of the significant contributions Arab-Americans have made throughout history. It is important that we recognize these achievements and embrace the profoundly positive impact that Arab-Americans have on America's continued progress.

New Jersey has one of the fastest-growing Arab-American populations, and northern New Jersey in particular is home to one of the five largest Arab-American communities. I hope my constituents, New Jerseyans, and all Americans will join me in celebrating Arab-American Heritage Month and taking pride in the unique contributions that our Arab-Americans brothers and sisters have made to our nation.

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