

Congressman Rothman's Memorial Day Statement 2011

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Washington, DC – Representative Steve Rothman (D-NJ), a member of the House Appropriations Defense Subcommittee, released the following statement:

This Memorial Day, as we do each year, we honor the selfless men and women who have courageously fought for our freedom and liberty and made the ultimate sacrifice for their nation.

On June 7, 1945, at a memorial for dead American warfighters, General George S. Patton said, “I consider it no sacrifice to die for my country. In my mind, we came here to thank God that men like these have lived rather than to regret that they have died.”

We are here today, we are afforded safety and security within our shores, because of those who paid the ultimate price for our freedom. Thank God for those great men and women.

While we cannot ever repay those brave men and women who did not come back from battle, we can and must honor them and never forget that they paid the ultimate price to protect and defend our nation. We honor them, their loved ones, and all those they left behind. We remain forever grateful.

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