

Congressman Rothman's Bill to Honor Fallen Local Hero Passes House

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Washington, DC — On July 29, 2011, a bill (H.R. 789) to honor the late Marine Sergeant Matthew J. Fenton, introduced by Congressman Steve Rothman (D-NJ), passed the House of Representatives by a voice vote. The entire New Jersey Congressional delegation joined Congressman Rothman as cosponsors of H.R. 789.

This bill will rename the post office in Little Ferry, NJ in honor of the memory of Marine Sergeant Matthew J. Fenton, who was a resident of Little Ferry and died in the Iraq war.

"Marine Sergeant Matthew J. Fenton is a true American hero and represents the best of our county," said Congressman Rothman. "It is a humbling privilege for me to play a small part in honoring Marine Sergeant Fenton by naming the post office in his home town of Little Ferry, NJ, the 'Sergeant Matthew J. Fenton Post Office.' This post office will stand as a testament to his bravery and sacrifice."

At 24 years of age, Marine Sergeant Matthew J. Fenton made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. It happened during his service in Iraq's Al Anbar province in 2006. Marine Sergeant Fenton was struck by shrapnel after alerting his comrades to the presence of a suicide bomber. All of them escaped harm except for Marine Sergeant Fenton. He passed away nine days later at the national naval medical center in Bethesda, Maryland — a day after receiving a purple heart for his selfless bravery.

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