

## Remarks Commemorating the Fourth Anniversary of the September 11th Terrorist Attack

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### REMARKS OF CONGRESSMAN STEVE ROTHMAN COMMEMORATING THE FOURTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SEPTEMBER 11TH TERRORIST ATTACKS

(Hackensack, NJ) - Congressman Steve Rothman (D-Fair Lawn) read the following remarks commemorating the fourth anniversary of the September 11th terrorist attacks at a ceremony that took place at the World Trade Center Memorial at Overpeck County Park in Leonia.

"It has been four long years since that terrible day in September, and yet, we will never stop feeling the pain of the losses we all suffered. However, it is important to come here today not just to remember all we have lost, but to remember that we have to do our very best to make sure something like this will never ever happen again.

So how do we do that?

First, we must stay united as a country with a single-minded purpose that we will protect one another from those who would seek to do us harm. Second, the elected representatives of the people need to provide those charged with protecting the safety of our communities with the resources they need to get their job done. Third, we must remain ever vigilant and keenly aware that we still live in a dangerous world and that our enemy does not seek material possessions, territorial compromises or a redress of grievances-they simply seek the extermination of our society and are willing to kill themselves in the process.

While we have done a great deal to shore up our borders and destroy these aggressors around the world, much more still needs to be done. Equally, as the events following the Katrina Disaster so vividly illustrate, we must do far more to prepare ourselves to respond effectively to the next terrible catastrophe. After all, the first responsibility of government in any society is to ensure the safety of the people.

As we come here today to remember and pray for the souls of the victims of 9/11, we vow to never forget them and to make sure that we honor and care for the families of those who died or were injured on that devastating day. I am proud to be with you here today, proud to represent you in the United States Congress and I want to leave you with my personal pledge that no matter what, I will always be here for you and I will do anything in my power to help. God bless you and God bless America."

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