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Washington, DC – With tip-off for Game 1 of the NBA Finals between the New Jersey Nets and the San Antonio Spurs set for tonight, Congressman Steve Rothman (D-NJ9) today placed a friendly wager on the outcome of the best-of-seven series with his House colleague, Congressman Ciro D. Rodriguez (D-TX28). Rothman's district includes the Continental Airlines Arena and the Hackensack Meadowlands where the Nets play, and Rodriguez's district includes the SBC Center, which is the home of the Spurs.

“Not only are the Nets going to mess with Texas as they cruise to an NBA title, they are going to lasso the Spurs and put on a show that will put any Texas rodeo to shame,” Rothman said. “As my fellow New Jerseyan Jon Bon Jovi would say, the Spurs are ‘Livin’ On A Prayer’ if they think they have a chance of beating the Nets. With fast break offense in the league, Jason Kidd, Richard Jefferson, and the rest of the Nets will show that they were ‘Born To Run.’ Unlike the Alamo, no one is going to remember a thing about the Spurs after the Nets trounce them in the Finals.”

Rothman bet a tray of locally made Italian cannolis, a dozen fresh bagels and a basket of the finest fruits and vegetables from the Garden State. Rodriguez countered with an assortment of Pan Dulce (Sweet Bread), Dulces (Mexican Candy) and a t-shirt from the famous Mi Tierra Restaurant in San Antonio, Texas.

“Now Steve I know you really favor your boys for the championship, but you should know Don Mess with Texas,” said Rodriguez. “Come on who do you want leading your troops, a Kidd or an Admiral? Anchored by the two-time MVP Tim Duncan and surrounded by young guns Tony Parker, Emmanuel Ginobili and Bruce Bowen, this young team of regulators are about to mount up and show New Jersey what the Lone Star State is all about. The championship banner is coming to the SBC Center. We’re going all the way. Not even Tony Soprano will be able to help you call out!”

Rothman noted that he anticipates a swift series victory for the Nets and looks forward to savoring the team's championship next week. This is the Nets second consecutive trip to the NBA Finals.

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