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Washington, DC - Congressman Steve Rothman (D-NJ9) today was sworn-in for his fifth term in the United States Congress as the Representative for New Jersey's Ninth Congressional District, which includes the southern portion of Bergen County, parts of northern Hudson County, and the Borough of Hawthorne in Passaic County. Rothman, sworn-in by House Speaker Dennis Hastert, will continue to serve as member of the powerful House Appropriations Committee, which allocates all of the funds in the federal budget, in the 109th Congress (2005-06).

"It is with gratitude and continued determination, that I return to Washington to continue my fight for the people of New Jersey's Ninth Congressional District," Rothman said. "During these challenging times, I will continue to work with Democrats and Republicans to tackle the many difficult issues that face our nation and world. In addition, I will continue to provide the outstanding level of constituent services that the residents of the Ninth district deserve and have become accustomed to."

During the 108th Congress (2003-04), Rothman continued to champion environmental causes and led the effort to protect and preserve the entire 8,400 undeveloped acres of the Hackensack Meadowlands, with the ultimate goal of turning them into an environmental park. Rothman remained a leader in the fight against aircraft noise and pollution at Teterboro Airport, most recently securing a ban on the noisiest planes at the airport, as well as a ban on the Boeing Business Jet - a giant corporate 737. Last month Congress approved \$15 million for Congressman Rothman's national Secure Our Schools program. Steve's Secure Our Schools Act, first passed on October 28, 2000 is a voluntary, matching grant program that affords municipalities the opportunity to apply for federal funding for school safety grants. Rothman has secured a total of \$35 million, including over \$2.1 million for New Jersey, for this important school safety grant program which he authored.

Rothman, the adoring and proud father of two children, John and Karen, was first elected to Congress in 1996 after serving as the two-term Mayor of Englewood (1983-1989) and as the Bergen County Surrogate Court Judge (1993-1996). Born on October 14, 1952, Rothman graduated from Tenafly High School in 1970, Syracuse University in 1974 with a bachelor's degree in Political Philosophy, and the Washington University in St. Louis School of Law in 1977. From 1978-1993, he practiced as a private attorney and won awards for providing free legal service to the poor, disabled, and elderly.

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