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(HACKENSACK, NJ) Congressman Steve Rothman (D-Fair Lawn) has the opportunity to select a high school sophomore or junior to serve as a Congressional Page on Capitol Hill this summer. He issued an invitation to apply to students enrolled in high schools located in New Jersey's Ninth District, which includes southern Bergen County; North Bergen, Kearny, Secaucus, and Jersey City in Hudson County; and Hawthorne in Passaic County. The deadline for materials to be received by the Congressman's Hackensack office is the close of business on Monday, May 2nd.

"Serving as a Congressional Page is a unique and invaluable opportunity to learn about the inner workings of Congress and our democracy with a bird's-eye view," said Congressman Rothman, currently serving in his fifth term in the U.S. House of Representatives. "During the Page's three weeks of service as support staff for the legislative branch in Washington, D.C., he or she will enjoy the opportunity to become immersed in the United States Congress and to learn about government and the legislative process on Capitol Hill, the place where our nation's laws are made."

Because of tight deadlines, materials must be received by Monday, May 2nd, 2005. Students must submit a résumé, cover letter, and a list of references by e-mail to the attention of Congressman Rothman's District Director, Michael Soliman, at michael.soliman@mail.house.gov. If students do not have access to a computer, they should contact Congressman Rothman's Hackensack office at (201) 646-0808 to make other arrangements to submit their materials.

Pages have various duties, including the delivery of correspondence, legislative material, and small packages on the Capitol Hill "campus." Other responsibilities include answering telephones in the Members' cloakrooms located off the floor of the House, taking and delivering messages, calling Members to see if they are in the House chamber and/or preparing the House floor for deliberations. Pages also learn how to monitor a telephone bank of incoming requests for page service. A rotation system allows Pages to experience the various areas of service mentioned above. As part of the program, Pages will also enroll in studies at the House Page School, located in the Jefferson Building of the Library of Congress where they take classes in social studies, English, mathematics, computer technology, and Spanish/French. Field trips and host guest speakers are also arranged. A speaker series on "How Congress Works," in which Pages gain invaluable insight into the legislative process, is offered on Saturdays.

Students must meet several requirements for this program. Being a Page requires considerable personal commitment and responsibility, which is why family, community, and other educational activities are to be placed on hold until the Page program is completed. In addition, the legislative calendar of the House of Representatives is extremely flexible, and changes frequently without regard to vacation/holiday plans. Pages must be at least 16 years old. Dress during business and school hours must be neat and business-like, which includes maintaining a conservative hairstyle.

