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(LEONIA, NJ) Congressman Steve Rothman (D-Fair Lawn) today issued a public salute to Marshal Keating, a 17-year-old Edgewater resident, on his acceptance to the United States Military Academy at West Point. Congressman Rothman nominated Mr. Keating, currently in his senior year at Leonia High School, for a coveted spot in the Academy's 2005 entering class, and helped the student realize his dream of being accepted at the most prestigious military academy in the world. Congressman Rothman visited Leonia High School on Friday to extend his personal congratulations.

"Young men and women like Marshal Keating, who are willing to serve their country on behalf of their fellow Americans, make it possible for the United States to remain the beacon of liberty and democracy for people around the globe. The quality and dedication of the individuals serving in our armed forces are the single most important factor in keeping America the strongest military power in the world," said Congressman Rothman. "At a time when so many soldiers are being put to the test in Iraq, Afghanistan, and in harm's way all over the world, it is inspiring that future generations of leaders like Marshal Keating are willing to make personal sacrifices to serve our nation," added Representative Rothman.

Marshal Keating has been a community activist and student leader during his high school career. He serves as President of the Student Senate at Leonia High School, and for the past four years has worked at a Boy Scout summer camp mentoring younger students. He has excelled in his studies, particularly in Algebra, Economics, and U.S. History, and has been named an Honorable Member of Who's Who Among American High School Students. In 2004, he was awarded the 2004 Coaches Award for football, and is a previous recipient of the Outstanding Community Service Award.