



H.R. 5099
“IN HONOR OF MICHAEL ROTHBERG”

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Madam Speaker, I appreciate the prompt action of the Committee in processing this bill. Michael Rothberg was one of the talented young Americans who was one of the victims of the mass murder by bloodthirsty terrorists on September 11th. Mr. Rothberg was one of those killed by these vicious thugs in their attack on the World Trade Center.

Understandably, his family who is proud of him and of the high regard he was held in the town in which he had lived, asked that I act to have the town's post office named for him. It was a request that was enthusiastically supported by the government of the town, not surprisingly, because it is a community that takes its civic responsibilities seriously and elects and appoints people to town offices who are thoughtful, compassionate and effective.

Mr. Rothberg was born in Sharon and graduated from Sharon High School. He then went on to earn his Bachelors and Masters degrees in math and computer science from McGill University in Montreal. He went to work for Kanter Fitzgerald whose offices were on the 104th floor of the World Trade Center and on September 11th, he was tragically killed in his office.

Michael Rothberg was both a very successful professional and a man of great generosity, and while he was working in New York, he remembered his Massachusetts roots in his generous support of important medically-related charities, for example the Dana Farber Cancer Institute's Jimmy Fund. He was also a strong supporter of the Multiple Sclerosis Foundation and Mutual Funds against Cancer.

His family has established the Michael C. Rothberg Memorial Scholarship and his fellow Sharonites have generously contributed to it in his memory in a number of ways.

Madam Speaker, I appreciate the chance to join Michael Rothberg's family and the Town of Sharon in memorializing an able, generous man who is sorely missed, and we all take this occasion of course to reaffirm our resolve to do everything that we can to protect all of us against a repeat of this tragedy.