Washington, D.C. – Today, Congressman Tom Rooney (R-Fla.) voted in the House Judiciary Committee to pass the James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act of 2009 (H.R. 847). This legislation will provide long-term, mandatory funding for medical monitoring and treatment to World Trade Center responders and community members who were exposed to Ground Zero toxins. In addition the bill reopens the 9/11 Victim Compensation Fund to provide compensation for economic losses, and provide liability protections for the WTC contractors and the City of New York

“This legislation will provide fast, fair, and certain relief to the workers and area residents who acted on September 11, 2001 without regard for their wellbeing,” said Rooney. “The first responders – the fireman, police officers, port authority officers as well as the construction crews who worked day and night searching for victims and removing debris – deserve to have this legislation passed.”