

Washington, D.C. – Congressman Tom Rooney (R-Fla.) issued the following statement after the Lieutenant Commander Roy H. Boehm Post Office bill passed the House of Representatives on Tuesday:

“Roy Boehm was a true American hero and I am honored my first bill to pass the House of Representatives will honor his service to our nation,” said Rooney. “Lieutenant Commander Boehm deserves to be honored for his service the Navy and for his role in creating the elite fighting force known as the Navy SEALs. I thank my colleagues in the Florida delegation for cosponsoring this bill and House leadership for bringing the bill to the floor today.”

H.R. 2470 designates the post office at 19190 Cochran Boulevard FRNT in Port Charlotte as the Lieutenant Commander Roy H. Boehm Post Office Building.

LCDR Boehm enlisted in the Navy in 1941 and fought during WWII, Korea and Vietnam. In 1942 he participated in the Battle of Cape Esperance at Guadalcanal, one of the largest “all surface” sea engagements of WWII. He also was involved in action in Kerama Reto and Okinawa. During his service LCDR Boehm obtained qualifications in deep sea diving, deep submergence rescue chamber operator for submarine rescue, experimental diving, and salvage diving. He graduated from both Airborne and Ranger Training.

In 1961, under orders from President Kennedy LCDR Boehm developed and launched the Navy’s elite Sea, Air and Land forces unit known as the SEALs.