Washington, D.C. – U.S. Rep. Tom Rooney (FL-16) was sworn into the 112th Congress on today by House Speaker John Boehner (OH-8). Rep. Rooney's individual ceremonial swearing-in followed the en masse oath of office on the floor of the House of Representatives.

"Serving the people of Florida's 16th district for a second term is a great honor," Rooney said. "I am humbled by this opportunity to help lead our nation during difficult times.

"We have a tough road ahead of us – millions of Americans are out of work, our national debt is staggering, and we continue to face daily threats from around the globe. I am optimistic that as we start a new era in Washington, DC, we will act swiftly to make the hard decisions and address these challenges. I believe we are up to the task."

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Rooney was recently named a Deputy Whip for the 112th Congress. He is Chairman of the House Agriculture Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy and Poultry, and also serves on the House

Armed Services Committee and the Select Committee on Intelligence.

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