***Legislation Would Ensure Equitable Treatment for Service Members Killed or Wounded in Ft. Hood, Little Rock, Frankfurt Attacks***

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Rep. Tom Rooney (FL-16) today introduced legislation to ensure that members of the Armed Services and civilian employees of the Department of Defense who were killed or wounded in the terrorist attacks at Fort Hood, Little Rock and Frankfurt are treated in the same manner as those killed or wounded in combat zones.

“Terrorists targeted these sites in direct assaults on our men and women in uniform. These brave service members were killed or wounded in service to their country by enemies of the United States through acts of terror,” Rooney said. “They and their families deserve the same treatment and benefits they would have received had their deaths or injuries been sustained on the field of battle.”

Rooney’s bill would require equitable treatment and benefits for service members and civilian employees of the Department of Defense who were killed or wounded in the attack on Fort Hood, Texas, on November 5, 2009; the attack at a recruiting station in Little Rock, Arkansas, on June 1, 2009; and the attack at the Frankfurt Airport, Germany, on March 2, 2011.

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