Washington, D.C. – U.S. Rep. Tom Rooney (FL-16) this week introduced legislation to recognize the memorial at the Navy UDT-SEAL Museum in Fort Pierce as the official national memorial of the Navy SEALs and their predecessors.

“The U.S. Navy SEALs are the most elite fighting force in the world,” Rooney said. “These brave men deserve a memorial to preserve the legacy of the honor, courage and patriotism they displayed, and to recognize the sacrifices they made in defense of our country.

“The SEALs trace their roots to the Navy Frogmen of World War II, who trained in Fort Pierce. Today, the memorial at the Navy UDT-SEAL Museum in Fort Pierce is the only memorial dedicated solely to preserving the history of the Navy SEALs and their predecessors.

“Recognizing this memorial as the official national memorial of the Navy SEALs would be a fitting tribute to those who lost their lives wearing the SEAL Trident.”

Congressman Alcee Hastings (FL-23) cosponsored the legislation, H.R. 1245.

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