

***Will Discuss Libya Resolution with House Foreign Relations Committee***

□ Washington, D.C. – U.S. Rep. Tom Rooney (FL-16), who serves on the House Armed Services and Intelligence Committees, is scheduled to testify tomorrow during a House Foreign Affairs Committee Hearing titled “War Powers, United States Operations in Libya, and Related Legislation.”

“The 60-day deadline has come and gone, and the President has yet to receive Congressional authorization for the war in Libya,” Rooney said. “The President’s actions, in my opinion, violate that War Powers Resolution and disregard the role of Congress under the Constitution.”

In April, Rooney introduced a resolution expressing the sense of Congress that the President should adhere to the War Powers Resolution and obtain Congressional authorization for military action in Libya within 60 days, a deadline that expired last Friday.

The President sent a letter to Congressional leaders at the 11<sup>th</sup> hour on Friday endorsing legislation supporting “limited efforts such as this,” but still has not requested Congressional authorization or acknowledged its necessity.

“The President still refuses to acknowledge the role of Congress and is attempting to bend the War Powers Resolution to his liking,” Rooney said.

Rooney served in the U.S. Army JAG Corps and taught Constitutional Law at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point.

The hearing will take place Wednesday, May 25 at 10:30 am in room 2172 of the Rayburn House Office Building.

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