Washington, D.C. – U.S. Rep. Tom Rooney (FL-16) today issued the following statement in support of legislation to extend a pay freeze for Members of Congress through 2013:

“Members of Congress should not receive automatic pay raises while millions of Americans face high unemployment and stagnant wages. With approval ratings in the single digits and not enough progress made toward solving our debt crisis, frankly, we don’t deserve a raise.

“Freezing Congressional salaries is a good step toward showing the American people that we’re serious about tightening our belts, but it’s time for Senate Democrats to show they’re serious about helping people get back to work. The House has passed 27 bipartisan jobs bills that are awaiting action in the Senate, and the American people deserve votes on those bills.”

The House is scheduled to vote this evening on H.R. 3835, which extends the current pay freeze for Members of Congress and nonmilitary federal employees through 2013.

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