

112TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 1245

To recognize the memorial at the Navy UDT–SEAL Museum in Fort Pierce, Florida, as the official national memorial of Navy SEALs and their predecessors.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 29, 2011

Mr. ROONEY (for himself and Mr. HASTINGS of Florida) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. RECOGNITION OF NAVY UDT–SEAL MEMORIAL**

4                       **IN FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA, AS OFFICIAL NA-**

5                       **TIONAL MEMORIAL OF NAVY SEALS AND**

6                       **THEIR PREDECESSORS.**

7       (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

1           (1) The United States Navy SEALs are the  
2 most elite fighting force in the world and bravely  
3 serve in combat operations around the World.

4           (2) The Navy SEALs trace their roots from the  
5 Navy Frogmen of World War II.

6           (3) The location in Fort Pierce, Florida, recog-  
7 nized as the birthplace of the Navy Frogmen, where  
8 thousands of brave volunteers were trained as mem-  
9 bers of Naval Combat Demolition Units and Under-  
10 water Demolition Teams during World War II, is  
11 now home to the Navy UDT–SEAL Museum.

12           (4) The Navy UDT–SEAL Memorial located at  
13 the Navy UDT–SEAL Museum is the only memorial  
14 dedicated solely to preserving the history of the  
15 Navy SEALs and its predecessors, including the Un-  
16 derwater Demolition Teams, Naval Combat Demoli-  
17 tion Units, and Amphibious Scouts and Raiders.

18           (5) The finances, operations, and collections of  
19 the Navy UDT–SEAL Memorial are managed by  
20 UDT–SEAL Museum Association, Inc., a nonprofit  
21 organization governed by current and former SEALs  
22 and UDTs.

23           (6) The Navy UDT–SEAL Memorial preserves  
24 the legacy of the honor, courage, patriotism, and  
25 sacrifices of those Navy SEALs and their prede-

1       cessors who offered their services and who gave their  
2       lives in defense of liberty.

3               (7) The Navy UDT–SEAL Memorial recognizes  
4       and honors (by name) Navy SEALs and their prede-  
5       cessors who have given their life in the line of duty.

6               (8) The State of Florida, St. Lucie County,  
7       Florida, thousands of private donors, and philan-  
8       thropic organizations have contributed millions of  
9       dollars to build, restore, and expand the Navy  
10       UDT–SEAL Museum.

11              (9) The United States Navy and the United  
12       States Special Operations Command have provided  
13       many of the historical materials and artifacts on dis-  
14       play at the Navy UDT–SEAL Museum.

15       (b) RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL MEMORIAL.—The  
16       Navy UDT–SEAL Memorial located at the Navy UDT–  
17       SEAL Museum at 3300 North A1A, North Hutchinson  
18       Island, in Fort Pierce, Florida, is recognized as the official  
19       national memorial of Navy SEALs and their predecessors.

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