

112TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 1235

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.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 20 (legislative day, JUNE 16), 2011

Mr. RUBIO introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

A BILL

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.

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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