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H. R. 2779

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 2, 2007

Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services

AN ACT

To recognize the Navy UDT–SEAL Museum in Fort Pierce, Florida, as the official national museum 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. RECOGNITION OF NAVY UDT-SEAL MUSEUM IN**
2 **FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA, AS OFFICIAL NA-**
3 **TIONAL MUSEUM OF NAVY SEALS AND THEIR**
4 **PREDECESSORS.**

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

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

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

11 (3) The location recognized as the birthplace of
12 the Navy Frogmen, where thousands of brave volun-
13 teers were trained as members of Naval Combat
14 Demolition Units and Underwater Demolition
15 Teams during World War II, is now home to the
16 Navy UDT–SEAL Museum.

17 (4) The Navy UDT–SEAL Museum is the only
18 museum dedicated solely to preserving the history of
19 the Navy SEALs and its predecessors, including the
20 Underwater Demolition Teams, Naval Combat Dem-
21 olition Units, Office of Strategic Services Maritime
22 Units, and Amphibious Scouts and Raiders.

23 (5) The Navy UDT–SEAL Museum 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 (6) The Navy UDT–SEAL Museum finances,
4 operations, and collections are managed by UDT–
5 SEAL Museum Association, Inc., a nonprofit organi-
6 zation governed by current and former SEALs and
7 UDTs.

8 (7) The Navy UDT–SEAL Museum seeks to
9 educate a diverse group of audiences through its
10 comprehensive collection of historical materials, em-
11 phasizing eyewitness accounts of the participants on
12 the battlefield and the home front and the impact of
13 Navy SEALs and their predecessors, then and now.

14 (8) Since 1985, when the Navy UDT–SEAL
15 Museum first opened, it has become home to arti-
16 facts and photos telling the history of Naval Special
17 Warfare from the beginnings of Underwater Demoli-
18 tion training in Ft. Pierce, Florida, through the ex-
19 ploits of Navy Frogmen in the Atlantic and Pacific
20 war theaters of World War II, through the role of
21 Navy SEALs in fighting in the War on Terror and
22 in Iraq.

23 (9) The State of Florida, St. Lucie County,
24 Florida, thousands of private donors, and philan-
25 thropic organizations have contributed millions of

1 dollars to build, restore, and expand the Navy
2 UDT–SEAL Museum.

3 (10) The United States Navy and the United
4 States Special Operations Command have provided
5 many of the historical materials and artifacts on dis-
6 play at the Navy UDT–SEAL Museum.

7 (b) RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL MUSEUM.—The
8 Navy UDT–SEAL Museum, located at 3300 North A1A,
9 North Hutchinson Island, in Fort Pierce, Florida, is rec-
10 ognized as the official national museum of Navy SEALs
11 and their predecessors.

Passed the House of Representatives October 1,
2007.

Attest: LORRAINE C. MILLER,
Clerk.