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S. 2226

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

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 24, 2007

Mr. NELSON of Florida introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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 MUSEUM IN**
4 **FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA, AS OFFICIAL NA-**
5 **TIONAL MUSEUM OF NAVY SEALs AND THEIR**
6 **PREDECESSORS.**

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

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

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

3 (3) The location recognized as the birthplace of
4 the Navy Frogmen, where thousands of brave volun-
5 teers were trained as members of Naval Combat
6 Demolition Units and Underwater Demolition
7 Teams during World War II, is now home to the
8 Navy UDT–SEAL Museum.

9 (4) The Navy UDT–SEAL Museum is the only
10 museum dedicated solely to preserving the history of
11 the Navy SEALs and its predecessors, including the
12 Underwater Demolition Teams, Naval Combat Dem-
13 olition Units, Office of Strategic Services Maritime
14 Units, and Amphibious Scouts and Raiders.

15 (5) The Navy UDT–SEAL Museum preserves
16 the legacy of the honor, courage, patriotism, and
17 sacrifices of those Navy SEALs and their prede-
18 cessors who offered their services and who gave their
19 lives in defense of liberty.

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

1 (7) The Navy UDT–SEAL Museum seeks to
2 educate a diverse group of audiences through its
3 comprehensive collection of historical materials, em-
4 phasizing eyewitness accounts of the participants on
5 the battlefield and the home front and the impact of
6 Navy SEALs and their predecessors, then and now.

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

16 (9) The State of Florida, St. Lucie County,
17 Florida, thousands of private donors, and philan-
18 thropic organizations have contributed millions of
19 dollars to build, restore, and expand the Navy
20 UDT–SEAL Museum.

21 (10) The United States Navy and the United
22 States Special Operations Command have provided
23 many of the historical materials and artifacts on dis-
24 play at the Navy UDT–SEAL Museum.

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

