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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-

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

3 (6) The Navy UDT-SEAL Museum finances,
4 operations, and collections are managed by UDT5 SEAL Museum Association, Inc., a nonprofit organi6 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.

(9) The State of Florida, St. Lucie County,
Florida, thousands of private donors, and philanthropic 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.
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Passed the House of Representatives October 1, 2007.

Attest:

LORRAINE C. MILLER, *Clerk*.