And at the same time we must fully address those problems and political ideologies that breed terrorists so this problem will end.

As the last remaining superpower on earth—a giant among nations—I believe we must err on the side of caution rather than risk undo injury to smaller nations that are hapless before the will of a giant, a superpower.

Again, Mr. Speaker . . . now that the fighting has begun and the brave men and women of our armed forces go forward into harm's way, we must honor their sacrifices and we humbly salute their service.

And as Americans we are united in prayers for their safe return.

God bless all the people of this earth and may the peacemakers who emerge from this conflict carry the future, for the good of all humankind.

HONORING DEBBIE ULIBARRI

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 20, 2003

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize Debbie Ulibarri of Trinidad, Colorado. A teacher at Trinidad State Junior College, Debbie is an inspiration to her students, and a reminder of the important opportunities our community colleges provide. She has done much to promote the importance of higher education in my district, and today I would like to highlight her accomplishments before this body of Congress and this nation.

Debbie's story demonstrates the influential role of community colleges in our nation's communities. She arrived on the campus of Trinidad State Junior College in 1992, apprehensive about returning to school after twenty years in the workforce. Debbie found a welcoming attitude at TSJC that assuaged her fears and opened up worlds she had never dreamed of. Debbie earned her GED and two associates degrees at TSJC, and began teaching math in TSJC's Math Lab while still a student there. Debbie went on to earn a Bachelor's degree in mathematics from New Mexico Highlands University and a masters degree from Regis University. As one of the school's success stories, Debbie returned to TSJC as a full-time math instructor. She has been an innovative teacher of algebra, trigonometry and statistics, seamlessly incorporating technology into her classroom and creating on-line classes for students from all over the country. Debbie has also stepped into a leadership role at the college, serving as TSJC's accreditation coordinator as well as the math and science division chair. In recognition of her efforts, Debbie was selected at TSJC's Faculty of the Year.

Mr. Speaker, our nation's community colleges are learning centers for a wide variety of both traditional and non-traditional students, helping them achieve their goals. Debbie Ulibarri is a perfect example of how these institutions can help enhance and change a life, and it is a great privilege to salute Debbie before this body of Congress and this nation for her achievements as both a student and teacher.

A SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO JUSTIN F. CORESSEL ON THE OCCASION OF HIS 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 20, 2003

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to pay special tribute to an outstanding gentleman, and good friend, from Ohio. Justin Coressel will turn 100 this Monday, March 24th. At the young age of 100, Mr. Speaker, Mr. Coressel is one of the most active and most recognized people in Northwest Ohio.

Look up the word ''humanitarian'' in the dictionary—and you will see Justin's picture. He has dedicated the better part of his life to making this world a better place for others.

Justin F. Coressel was born on March 24, 1903, in Defiance County's Richland Township. He is the son of Frank and Anna Coressel. Mr. Coressel graduated from Jewell High School and attended The Ohio State University.

Mr. Coressel was the area representative for a Paulding sugar refinery and was associated with United Appraisal Co. and J.B. Cleminshaw Co., both of Cleveland. Justin worked in their farm appraisal departments, and did right-of-way appraisals for the Ohio Highway Department. He also served as an adjuster with Federal Crop Insurance Corp. and as a farm income tax consultant. He was also farm operator for many years and is a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church.

Mr. Speaker, Justin served as President of the Board of Directors at Jewell Grain Co. and was Defiance County Chairman for the Ohio Council for Education. He is a former member and Vice-President of the Board of Directors at the Home Saving and Loan Association of Defiance and was a member of the Board of Directors at Hudson Products, Inc. Mr. Coressel is also a former member of the Board of Trustees at Defiance College. The Justin F. Coressel Football Stadium at Defiance College was named in his honor. Mr. Coressel has also provided lead gifts to fund the football stadium at Tinora High School and the Defiance County Human Shelter, both of which are named in his honor.

Mr. Speaker, Justin Coressel was a Richland Township Trustee for three terms, Secretary of Defiance County Township Trustees and Clerks Association, and Commissioner of Jurors in Defiance County. His lifetime memberships include the Ohio Historical Society, Defiance County Historical Society, Defiance County Humane Society, Jewell Volunteer Fire Department, and the Tinora Athletic Boosters. A member of Defiance Rotary, he served two terms on its Board of Directors, was the first Chairman of the Defiance Rotary Student Foundation, and was the first Paul Harris Fellow of Rotary International in District 660. Mr. Justin F. Coressel also organized Rotary 65 and served as its first President.

A member of the National Catholic Rural Life Conference, he was appointed delegate to the International Rural Life Conference in Rome, Italy, in 1967. He is a member and past Grand Knight of Knights of Columbus Council 1039. Currently, Mr. Coressel is providing numerous student college scholarships and serves as Chairman of the Justin F. Coressel Charitable Trust.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying special tribute to Justin F. Coressel. Our communities are served well by having such honorable and giving citizens, like Justin, who care about their well being and stability. We wish Justin all the best as we pay him tribute on the occasion of his 100th birthday.

H.R. 1104, THE CHILD ABDUCTION PREVENTION ACT

HON. PETER HOEKSTRA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 20, 2003

Mr. HOEKSTRA. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 1104, the Child Abduction Prevention Act, which strengthens the punishment and consequences of criminals who dare to harm our children. An important provision in H.R. 1104 doubles the authorization level for the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC), which serves as the national resource center and clearinghouse to aid missing and exploited children and their families.

The Center is a private, non-profit organization, mandated by Congress, working in cooperation with the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention within the U.S. Department of Justice. It is a critical resource for aiding over 18,000 law enforcement agencies throughout the nation in their search for missing children.

According to statistical data from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, from its inception in 1984 through the end of 2002, the Center handled 1,718,784 telephone calls through its national Hotline, 1–800–THE–LOST; trained 179,685 police and other professionals; and distributed 27,834,762 free, issue-based publications. The Center has also worked with law enforcement on 87,513 missing child cases, resulting in the recovery of 71,141 children—an incredible success rate of more than 80 percent.

The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children is uniquely positioned to access vital information to aid in the search and recovery of misisng kids. It is the only child protection non-profit organization with access to the FBI's National Crime Information Center (NCIC) Missing Person, Wanted Person, and Unidentified Person Files; the National Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (NLETS); and the Federal Parent Locator Service (FPLS). Additionally, it is the only organization operating a 24-hour, toll-free Hotline for the recovery of missing children in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Justice. It is also the sole organization operating a 24-hour, toll-free child pornography tip-line in cooperation with the U.S. Customs Service and the U.S. Postal Inspection Service.

Clearly, the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children does our country and our nation's families a great service, and I urge my colleagues to assist the Center by supporting H.R. 1104.