No one can doubt the conviction of the men and women of America’s military who moved swiftly to safeguard our nation, or the thousands of Americans on reserve duty who stood ready for the call to action.

The entire world is in awe of the outpouring of support of people, from the youngest children to our senior citizens who looked for things money to donate, wrote encouraging message to the worker, and supported friends, neighbors and even strangers in any way they could during a traumatic time.

But that is what America is. America is resilient. America is resourceful. America is at her very best when challenged and when angered. Others around the world often misunderstand America’s resolve. Now the execution of that resolve will leave no questions.

In this Capitol, we celebrate what makes our nation special. We revere the times when we can pursue those policies that we believe to be in the best interest of the United States. We have had principled debates in which we highlight, not hide, our differences of opinion. We cherish those moments because that is what freedom brings to us—the ability to advance those causes that are important to us, while openly disagreeing with those we dislike without the fear of retribution.

And now, in a moment of historic significance, we also celebrate another matter that makes our nation special—the ability to come together as one when our precious freedom is attacked by those who either misunderstand or are fearful of freedom’s power.

In the days and weeks to come, this Congress will work together on behalf of our nation. We will have disagreements, and at the end of the day our nation and we will be better for it.

Those who thought that they could infect our nation with ill will should remember the words of a great man who served in this very building, Hubert Humphrey. "Freedom is the most contagious virus known to man." Let us use this challenge to create an opportunity for America to once again celebrate freedom, and to help spread it to others who for too long have been under the scourge of terror.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION AND COMMENDATION FOR KIDS DAY AMERICA/INTERNATIONAL

HON. MICHAEL G. OXLEY
OF OHIO
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, September 20, 2001

Mr. OXLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to highlight a special community event that will take place in Lima, Ohio. I am pleased to announce that the second annual “Kids Day America/International” will occur September 22, 2001. The event is designed to address health, safety and environmental issues that affect us as individuals and as a community. It was founded for the purpose of educating families and communities about these important social issues. I am glad to report that it has and grown every year.

More than 1,300 communities have taken part in this event and more than 1,000,000 children and their families have enjoyed this day across the globe. With the assistance and support of thousands of local police departments, county sheriff offices, dentists, and photographers who volunteer their time, all these children completed Child Safety ID cards.

I join Mayors, Governors, Senators, and Representatives who have endorsed Kids Day America/International Chiropractors have also contributed greatly in helping our communities’ children. Dr. Kay Heaston of Network Chiropractic of Lima is also volunteering her time and skills for this event.

This year the event in Lima will benefit DARE. Officer Bob Stoodt will attend, with the DARE mascot “Dare” the lion, to fingerprint ID children. Doctors will be doing spinal screenings; Huntington Bank will be sending Winnie the Pooh and friends. The Lima Fire Department will bring a fire truck and their mascot. Lima City officers will inspect for car seat safety. Girl Scouts will have environmental presentations. As part of the city’s Boy Scout rally in which we honor our nation, this event will allow families to protect their children even more.

Mr. Speaker, once again allow me to voice my strong support for this worthy event and those supporting it.

RECOGNIZING MR. SCOTT HURFF
HON. PATRICK J. TIBERI
OF OHIO
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, September 20, 2001

Mr. TIBERI. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate and honor a young citizen from my district who has distinguished himself among his peers and community.

Mr. Scott Hurff, an honor student at Dublin Coffman High School and a 2001 delegate to Ohio’s American Legion Boys State, delivered the following address at this year’s Memorial Day ceremonies in Dublin, OH. I believe this stirring presentation is worthy of the Nation’s attention.

Oration by Scott Hurff, Boy’s State Delegate 2001

They kicked him. The Nazis kicked him to see if he was dead.

My great-grandfather, who landed at Normandy in WW II, had to play dead to stay alive. He had landed fighting next to his friends. Now they were dead. The Nazis kicked their bodies to see if they were alive, and if they believed that there was some spark of life left in them, they shot them.

Over generations, 225 years, and beyond. We must be based upon. We must ensure another 11 generations to Colorado State Senator Mark Hillman

HON. BOB SCHAFER
OF COLORADO
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, September 20, 2001

Mr. SCHAFER. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to rise to express gratitude and congratulations to Colorado State Senator Mark Hillman of Burlington, CO, this year’s recipient of the National Legislator of the Year by the American Legislative Exchange Council. The American Legislative Exchange Council gives this award to outstanding legislators who understand that what is good for business is good for America.

In a recent edition of the La Junta Tribune Democrat Duane Parde, executive director of the American Legislative Exchange Council, congratulated Senator Mark Hillman and other outstanding legislators in the nation. He’s a leader who truly personifies the Jeffersonian principles of individual liberty, limited government and free markets.

Mr. Speaker, Senator Hillman is a person of high integrity and honor. Consider it a privilege to know and work with him. Mark has served the State of Colorado well taking the responsibilities and standards of his job to the