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Mayor Betty Turner and Congressman Solomon Ortiz kicked off a "Corpus Christi Cares" campaign at a press conference held this morning at City Hall. The campaign challenges every Corpus Christian, young or old, to write a letter, sign a card or draw a picture to be sent to the troops in the Persian Gulf to let them know that Corpus Christi cares. We'd like to send a minimum of 100,000 letters.

Congressman Ortiz has just returned from a trip to Saudi Arabia and reports that the military personnel keep asking if America really cares. Mayor Turner has also received comparable inquiries from families of troops overseas informing her of their family member's concerns and asking what they can do. "The Corpus Christi Cares Campaign should respond to these concerns," said Turner.

H.E.B. and Maverick Market will be placing Corpus Christi Cares collection boxes in each of its Corpus Christi locations. Citizens are asked to prepare their care letters and sign their correspondence with their name and address and drop them in the boxes. Gifts, of any kind, will not be accepted! The campaign begins Wednesday, December 11th and concludes Wednesday, December 19th.

On hand for the announcement were Lloyd Neal, President of the Corpus Christi Chamber of Commerce and representatives from the U.S. Navy, U.S. Army, U.S. Coast Guard and U.S. Marines, National Guard, Corpus Christi Army Depot, the U.S. Post Office and Dr. Hector P. Garcia with the GI Forum.

Questions concerning the campaign should be made through the Mayor's office.

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