

community both emotional and physical pediatric health services, educates families on health-related issues, and supports local schools and neighborhoods with on-site health care. In order to inform community decision makers on issues related to Genesee County's children's health needs, MCHC sponsors events on matters affecting children's health, supports various state and local children's advocacy organizations, and develops educational materials on children's issues. In its 63-year history, MCHC has expanded to become a principal in child health advocacy in the Genesee Valley community and throughout Michigan.

MCHC is a recognized leader in the battle against childhood asthma, an illness that affects 15 percent of Genesee County's children. As part of the Childhood Asthma Task Force, (CATF), MCHC provides staff and other resources, including a home to CATF's three Mini Asthma Resource Centers. MCHC nurses, who dedicate themselves to educating families about asthma and available treatments, staff these CATF centers. Additionally, in its continuing effort to highlight children's respiratory health issues, last year MCHC sponsored the 29th Annual Tuuri Day Conference, which addressed topics such as "New Approached to Pediatric Asthma" and "Smoking Among Children and Families."

MCHC has a long and impressive history of advocacy for the children of Genesee Valley. I know my colleagues join me in congratulating Mott Children's Health Center for being named the 2002 Corporate Health Advocate of the Year and wishing them continued success.●

RECOGNIZING GLORIA R. BOURDON

● Mr. LEVIN. Madam President, I wish to express my sincerest congratulations to Gloria R. Bourdon of Michigan who has recently been recognized by the American Lung Association of Michigan-Genesee Valley Region as the 2002 Individual Health Advocate of the Year.

The American Lung Association of Michigan-Genesee Valley Region awards this honor to an individual who has served as board member on a health association or participated in a health related activity for at least 5 years. Recipients must contribute to the community's health, education, and general well-being. The individual must have been involved in promoting health care research, contributing to articles on health care, and involved in lung health care advocacy. Gloria Bourdon has not only met these criteria but has far exceeded them; for this she is a worthy recipient of this prestigious award.

Gloria Bourdon's promotion of children's health issues began in 1970 as a teacher in Pinconning and Linden Areas Schools, where she taught students to lead healthy lifestyles. As the Director of Health, Safety and Nutri-

tion Services for the Genesee Intermediate School District, Gloria is now responsible for the health and safety of the children in 55 public schools, public academies, and private schools. She is also an active member of the community. She supports many coalitions including Priority Children, Childhood Asthma Task Force, and the Genesee County Curriculum Council. Her outstanding work and dedication have been recognized by various organizations. Most recently, Gloria received the Genesee County Child Advocacy Award, the Michigan Association of School Board's Health and Safety Award, and the Rainmaker Award from HealthPlus.

Gloria's dedication to children's health is evident in her writing and fundraising efforts. In 1998, she authored a Health Action Team Manual for Substance Abuse Education, Physical Activity, Nutrition Education, and Safe and Drug Free School Zones. She has assisted the American Lung Association in efforts regarding asthma, tobacco and air-quality awareness. Gloria also encourages her nursing and teaching staff to support the Association's goals.

I join the American Lung Association of Michigan-Genesee Valley Region in congratulating Gloria on her great accomplishments in promoting the health and safety of the children in Genesee County and surrounding areas. I know that my colleagues in the Senate will support me in thanking Gloria Bourdon for her efforts and wishing her well in her future endeavors.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session, the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 9:36 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 5710. An act to establish the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes:

At 4:08 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 3758. An act for the relief of So Hyun Jun.

At 8:46 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 5708. An act to reduce preexisting PAYGO balances, and for other purposes.

At 9:19 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House agrees to the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 5063) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a special rule for members of the uniformed services in determining the exclusion of gain from the sale of a principal residence and to restore the tax exempt status of death gratuity payments to members of the uniformed services, with amendments.

At 9:52 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House agrees to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 3210) to ensure the continued financial capacity of insurers to provide coverage for risks from terrorism.

At 10:25 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House agrees to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (S. 1214) to amend the Merchant Marine Act, 1936, to establish a program to ensure greater security for United States seaports, and for other purposes.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following joint resolution was read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

H.J. Res. 124. Joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2003, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-9469. A communication from the Secretary of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report on the Fiscal Year 2001 operations of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-9470. A communication from the Administrator, General Services Administration, transmitting the report of lease prospectuses that support the General Services Administration's Fiscal Year 2003 Capital Investment and Leasing Program; to the