

in the precepts of compassion and quality in health care. Guests from around the world tour Kuakini to learn American health care and specific methods for health care. Kuakini includes the community in its educational goals with health and wellness fairs, health and prevention education classes, an information hotline, Internet access to information, Speakers Bureau Program and Open House aimed at giving students a first hand look at the different departments and professions within a health care organization. By bringing health awareness to our community, Kuakini contributes to the overall health and well-being of Hawaii's people.

Kuakini Health System strives for excellence. Federal funds support nationally and internationally recognized medical research and health programs sponsored by Kuakini Medical System, such as the Japan-Hawaii Cancer Study, Women's Health Initiatives, and Honolulu Heart Program. Kuakini is regarded as a leader in the areas of cancer treatment, cardiac services, geriatric care, pulmonary disease treatment, gastroenterology services, health research, orthopedic surgery, telemedicine and cyberhealth. Kuakini Health System performs its health services without a major endowment or an affiliation with a larger organization for financial support.

The Kuakini Health System has met the health needs and challenges of Hawaii's community for the past 100 years. As we start a new century and a new millennium, I am confident that Kuakini Health System will continue to make valuable contributions to the health of Hawaii and the United States through its commitment to benevolence, research, education, and excellence.●

CONGRATULATING KUAKINI MEDICAL CENTER AUXILIARY ON ITS 111TH ANNIVERSARY

● Mr. INOUE. Mr. President, I congratulate the Kuakini Medical Center Auxiliary on its 111th anniversary of service to Hawaii's community. From a modest beginning in 1889, the Kuakini Medical Center Auxiliary has grown to the largest active group of volunteers of a health care organization in Hawaii. The roots of the Kuakini Medical Center Auxiliary are closely tied to the charitable beginnings of Kuakini Medical Center. They form an indispensable century old team caring for the health of Hawaii's people.

In today's busy world time is at a premium, yet these volunteers manage to provide essential support services to the Kuakini Health System, such as transporting patients, distributing patient meals, errands, sewing, tagging medical supplies, and collating medical research. Volunteers furnish comfort and companionship to patients and

residents in need. On holidays and special occasions, volunteers create favors for patients' meal trays to brighten the day.

In addition to the compassionate services provided, the Kuakini Medical Center Auxiliary assists the Kuakini Health System financially. Proceeds from the Gift Shop and numerous fundraising events are donated to Kuakini Foundation. Since 1980, the auxiliary has awarded more than \$20,000 in scholarships to Kaukini employees to further their education. More than a million dollars has been raised for Kuakini Health System since 1971 by the Kuakini Auxiliary.

Currently, the Kuakini Medical Center Auxiliary has over 600 active members contributing at least 67,000 hours annually. The savings in labor costs are estimated at more than \$860,000 annually, but the selfless sacrifice and caring contribution that these volunteers provide are priceless gifts to Hawaii's community. I compliment and thank the volunteers of the Kaukini Medical Center Auxiliary for the 111 years of concerned meritorious public service they have rendered to Hawaii's community.●

TRIBUTE TO JEFF CLEVINGER

● Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President, I rise today to remember Jeff Clevenger, a dear friend who died on December 21, 1999. The illness which led to his death came suddenly and Jeff was taken from us all too soon.

Jeff Clevenger was a great American in that he gave everything of himself to make his community and this country great. He contributed to our economy as Vice President and General Manager of the Wickes Machine Tool Group, Inc., in Saginaw, Michigan. In 1983 he led a team of managers in the buyout of the machine tool group from Wickes. The new company was named SMS Group, Inc. From the formation of this new company until his death, Jeff served as President, Chairman, and Chief Executive Officer of SMS Group, Inc.

Jeff contributed to his community unselfishly. And he was not satisfied to simply be a member of a club or board. In nearly every organization he joined, at some point, Jeff served as chairman. These organizations include: the Saginaw Chamber of Commerce; the Michigan State Chamber of Commerce; the Michigan Manufacturers Association; Saginaw Remanufacturing; Junior Achievement; the Government Relations Committee of the Association for Manufacturing Technology; United Way of Saginaw County; the Michigan Manufacturing Technology Association. In 1994 he became the founding Chairman of the United Way Alexis de Toqueville Society in Saginaw County. Jeff also served as a board member for Saginaw Future, Inc., and the Delta

College Foundation. He also devoted his time to Saginaw Valley State University.

Jeff's dedication to his community did not go unnoticed. He has received a number of honors. He was given the "Spirit of Saginaw" award; the "Entrepreneur of the Year" award; the Junior Achievement Hall of Fame Award; the Robert H. Albert Award for Community Service from the Saginaw Chamber of Commerce; to name a few.

The State of Michigan is a better place because we were lucky enough to have Jeff Clevenger as part of our community. Even those who did not know Jeff will benefit for many years from his dedication to his community. And to those who did know him, myself included, Jeff's life will forever serve as an inspiration.

I would like at this time, on behalf of the United States Senate, to extend my sympathies to Jeff's family: Nell Clevenger, Lori Himes, Robin Vosen, Allana Clevenger, Angela Jennings, and Bradley Weaver. Your loss is shared by many.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Williams, 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.)

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-7884. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "14 BLS-LIFO Department Store Indexes-January 2000" (Rev. Rul. 2000-14), received March 6, 2000; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7885. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Extension of Time to File and Pay Due to Patriot's Day" (Notice 2000-17), received March 6, 2000; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7886. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Major Disaster and Emergency Areas in 1999" (Rev. Rul. 2000-15), received March 6, 2000; to the Committee on Finance.