

Dear Friends,

As we passed the mid-point of session, I am proud of the work Florida's legislators are doing to improve the quality of life for our citizens.



I am pleased with the Senate for moving legislation forward that will help us address one of the most important issues facing our people – health insurance. We are one step closer to helping the 3.8 million uninsured Floridians waiting for health care.

As we celebrated Florida's 13th Annual Children's Week, I visited the St. Mary's Medical Center in West Palm Beach to get a better idea of how Florida's uninsured are being taken care of. My goal is to make health care affordable for all Florida families. I want to see more children receiving the care they truly deserve.



The House Committee's passing of energy legislation is making progress toward strengthening Florida's leadership in solar, wind and other renewable energy. By investing in green technology, we can reduce our dependence on foreign oil, protect our natural resources and strengthen our economy.



On Wednesday – World Autism Awareness Day – I was pleased to announce the first meeting of the Autism Task Force. Their efforts will empower parents, teachers and communities, and establish a stronger support system for families coping with autism.

Thank you very much and may God continue to bless Florida.

Charlie Crist

Photo Captions

Top left: Governor Crist walks the halls of St. Mary's Medical Center and visits with staff to learn more about the health care needs of our state.

Middle right: Governor Crist sees first hand how children are being helped through the generosity of hospitals like St. Mary's Medical Center. As he works with the Legislature, his goal is to provide affordable health care to all families.

Bottom left: Governor Crist and Dan Marino (left), co-chair of the Governor's Task Force on Autism Spectrum Disorders, help shed light on the needs of families dealing with autism.