

requests to be accepted on a rolling, quarterly basis.

4. Continue to use local procedure codes to ensure availability of the most recent advances in medical technology. Most coverage decisions are made at the local level by local contractors, which use the "HCPCS Level III Codes" to describe new technologies that have not yet been incorporated into the national coding process. HCFA has proposed eliminating these useful codes, but this bill would require HCFA to maintain this effective local system.

5. Establish an advisory committee on Medicare coding and payment to ensure that HCFA's coding and payment systems are open, prompt and functioning properly. This panel would complement HCFA's newly formed Medicare Coverage Advisory Committee.

Mr. Speaker, this bill will correct a number of complex but significant problems that currently plague HCFA's coverage, coding and payment systems. Most importantly, it will help ensure that Medicare beneficiaries have timely access to life-enhancing and life-saving medical advances.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this important legislation.

TRIBUTE TO ROBERT ANDERSON,
PRESIDENT OF THE SAN MATEO
COUNTY CENTRAL LABOR COUNCIL

HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 7, 1999

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I invite my colleagues to join me today in paying tribute to Mr. Robert Anderson, who is retiring after two distinguished decades as President of the San Mateo County Central Labor Council. During his remarkable tenure as San Mateo's top advocate for working people, innumerable working men and women have benefited enormously from Mr. Anderson's dedication to improving working and living conditions for families in San Mateo County and for employees of the airline industry nationwide.

Bob Anderson, a member of International Association of Machinists, Local Lodge 1781, is a former United Airlines Mechanic, and currently he serves as ground safety coordinator for IAM District 141. His outstanding career as a labor advocate includes his efforts to establish, build and chair the San Francisco Airport Labor Coalition and its predecessor, the Airport Health and Safety Coalition. He has served on the advisory boards of the California Occupational Safety and Health Administration and the Labor Occupational Health Program at the University of California, Berkeley.

Mr. Speaker, the labor movement's involvement and effectiveness in our community has been greatly strengthened through Bob Anderson's dedication and service on the Central Labor Council's Committee on Political Action, which supports local, state and national officeholders who share labor's progressive social values. He worked tirelessly against the passage of Proposition 226, the anti-working family initiative which was rightly rejected by California voters in June of 1998.

Bob Anderson's most memorable achievement is the establishment of PALCARE, San Mateo County's community based, flexibly scheduled childcare center which opened in 1993. For twelve years Bob was undeterred in his determination to establish this affordable, high-quality, around-the-clock childcare for working parents at San Francisco International Airport and other work sites where employees must work non-traditional hours. Mr. Anderson leaves an enduring legacy through his establishment of this safe, happy haven for the children of those who contribute to San Mateo's thriving economy.

Mr. Speaker, Bob Anderson will be honored at the 20th Annual Banquet of the Committee on Political Education on Saturday, June 12, 1999. I join with those who commend his lifelong, selfless quest to better the lives of his fellow working men and women, and I extend my most enthusiastic wishes for a blissful and happy retirement as he embarks on this new chapter in his life.

AKRON, OHIO, AREA SKI RESORT
WINS ENERGY CONSERVATION
AWARD

HON. TOM SAWYER

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 7, 1999

Mr. SAWYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commend the Boston Mills/Brandywine Resort, located in my congressional district, just north of Akron, Ohio. The Boston Mills/Brandywine Resort is being honored this week for excellence in energy conservation.

This is remarkable for two reasons, one obvious and one not so obvious. First, Ohio is not the location many would imagine when thinking of award-winning ski areas. But to my colleagues from the higher elevation, I highly recommend Ohio to you. It is actually possible, in Ohio's 14th District, to work all day in downtown Akron and ski in the evening. Moreover, the twin resorts at Boston Mills and Brandywine are located within the boundaries of the Cuyahoga Valley National Recreation Area, and are one of its important amenities.

But it is surprising that Boston Mills was singled out because of its size. Being a small ski area makes it hard to compete against larger operations like Vail and Aspen. But Boston Mills won the energy conservation award over both of these sites.

Boston Mills found that its energy needs were causing problems for its neighbors. Neighbors actually found their lights got dim when snowmaking equipment was turned on full force. Responding to these and other energy related problems, Boston Mills developed an ambitious \$1.5 million system providing maximum power efficiency and snow production. Making snow now costs 69.5 percent less. They also located new grooming machines which use 33 percent less fuel. Boston Mills calculates total energy savings at 962,000 kilowatt hours of electricity and 9,404 gallons of gas.

Boston Mills/Brandywine Resort will receive the Golden Eagle Award from the Times Mirror Co. this week, one of only five awards being made this year. I hope their conservation initiative will be an example to private recreation providers across our land.

SALUTE TO THE TONY MODICA
PIZZA DANCE FOUNDATION AND
ONE WORLD-ONE HEART, INC.

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 7, 1999

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to salute the contributions of the Tony Modica Pizza Dance Foundation and One World-One Heart, Inc., organizations which exemplifies our nation's direction of unity and cultural exchange through inter-generational activities and programs.

Tony Modica came to this country as an immigrant and became successful in the pizza industry. This Foundation is a means for him to give back to the community through a program that benefits the elderly and the youth. Pizza is a favorite food of both young and old and its incorporation into a program which features song, dance and pizza makes for an enjoyable experience for all involved. Modica uses the pizza as an international symbol of unity. The Foundation has created programs that promote unity; and encourages children to stay in school and improve their grades. After his lectures, the students and seniors are treated to pizza and a lesson in the Foundations' original Pizza Dance—a step choreographed to mimic the art of pizza making. The Pizza is used as a symbol because of its varied toppings and delectable enjoyment that is recognized by all cultures and ethnic groups. The positive messages are enhanced through dance and the enjoyable feast and taste of pizza!

One World-One Heart, Inc. serves to provide access to educational; recreational; cultural and intergenerational programs for participants from all ethnic, religious, economic and cultural backgrounds. The founders, Catherine Laporte and Steven Kaplansky have over 30 years of experience of providing non-profit; social and recreational services to communities at large.

One World-One Heart, Inc. has joined with The Tony Modica Pizza Dance Foundation to promote unity and cultural appreciation through free public activities and have mobilized others to support a unified message of respect and appreciation of all people. The combined efforts are a great model of how government, not-for-profits; religious and private sectors can work together for the good of the public.

Pizza is undoubtedly the world's most popular food. The positive messages are enhanced through song, dance and an enjoyable feast of Pizza. The Mayor and City Council have recognized the organization's efforts in New York. By taking this program to a national level with its fun spirited message. The Tony Modica Pizza Dance Foundation and One World-One Heart, Inc., are positive examples of how private citizens and not-for-profit organizations can make a difference in the community with the support of business and government.

I implore my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to join me in recognizing the "Pizza"; "The Tony Modica Pizza Dance Foundation; and One World-One Heart, Inc." and in proclaiming June National "Taste of Pizza" Month.

TRIBUTE TO CHRISTINE AND STAN
PENTON

HON. BOB SCHAFFER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 7, 1999

Mr. SCHAFFER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mr. and Mrs. Christine and Stan Penton, founders of a remarkable program for disabled individuals. The Pegasus Program helps people overcome disabilities through hippotherapy (therapy through

horses). They recently held a ground breaking for a new facility at Normandy Farms and Stables in Littleton, Colorado. I was heartened to learn about the new home for the Pegasus Program for handicapped riders, particularly after working hard to pass a law which directs a study on ways to improve disabled access to outdoor recreation on public lands.

The Pegasus Program is indeed intriguing. I commend Mr. and Mrs. Penton for their creativity and for their innovative approach to bettering the lives of the disabled. The Pegasus Program, however, benefits more than just the disabled. They use wild horses trained

by inmates at the Canon City correctional facility. Because wild horses have no natural predators, they tend to overpopulate and overgraze public lands. Sadly, these symbols of the American West out-compete wildlife, and eventually themselves. What a unique opportunity through the Pegasus Program to help wild horses, give prison inmates constructive and rewarding work, and help the disabled overcome their physical limitations. With heartfelt pride, I thank Mr. and Mrs. Penton for their work.