

vowed their love and commitment to each other. Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating David and Kerry Goodwin on their recent nuptials.

WILBUR "PONY" WILSON: AN
ATHLETE'S FRIEND

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 5, 1999

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great sadness that the Rutgers University-Camden community is informed about the passing of Wilbur "Pony" Wilson. Pony Wilson served the Rutgers-Camden campus as athletic director for almost 30 years. He passed away this past Saturday evening. Few will deny Pony's true legacy is his commitment to encouraging students to pursue their studies and their dreams. He believed that education, not sports, was the driving force for young men and women who competed in athletics at Rutgers-Camden.

In an interview prior to his retirement, Pony noted "What's most rewarding is that kids now—since the late 60's and early 70's—are graduating. When you talk about the percentage of the kids that played [sports], we had a high rate on the basketball teams who got their degrees."

To many, Pony was not only a colleague or a coach, he was a friend to professors and students alike who passed through the Rutgers-Camden campus. The current Athletic Director, Ed Cialella, who was Pony's first hire in 1969 when he joined the college as an Assistant Instructor of Physical Education, reflects, "We lost a friend of athletics, and an athlete's friend."

During his tenure at Rutgers-Camden, Pony developed the athletic department from a five-sport program—with no on-campus facilities and no women's teams—to one that boasts as many as 14 teams with ample competition for both genders. He was known throughout the NCAA Division III conference for his belief that education, not sports, was the priority of the men and women at Rutgers-Camden.

Pony believed that "student athletes are students first." On behalf of all those lives that Pony Wilson touched, I would like to convey my most sincere condolences to his family. May his unfailing commitment to university athletics and education continue to live on in every one of us.

SAN FRANCISCO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ASKS BAY AREA RAPID TRANSIT (BART) TO AVOID STEEL PRODUCED BY STRIKE BREAKERS

HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 5, 1999

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I invite my colleagues to join me in commending the Board of Supervisors of San Francisco for their

adoption of a resolution, which was unanimously adopted on Monday, urging that Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) refrain from purchasing steel rails produced by strikebreakers at Oregon Steel's Rocky Mountain Steel Mill in Pueblo, Colorado. This principled action reflects the Supervisors' deep concern for the safety of Bay Area public transport consumers, as well as their commitment to defending fair labor practices in San Francisco and across our nation.

The Rocky Mountain Steel Mill in Pueblo, Colorado, illegally replaced 1,100 striking steelworkers in 1997. This outrageous and illegal action is only the most recent in a long record of that company's reckless disregard for the welfare of its own employees. This rogue corporation has been charged by the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) with over 100 violations of federal laws, and has been found guilty by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) of 62 willful and serious health violations, resulting in the second largest OSHA fine in the history of the State of Colorado. Communities have both the right and the obligation to expect higher standards of conduct from the entities that do business with them.

Mr. Speaker, I strongly support the Supervisors' request that BART refuse to purchase rails for the San Francisco Airport expansion project from the Rocky Mountain Steel Mill. This vital transportation project cuts through the heart of my congressional district, and I strongly believe that the safety of my constituents should not be put at risk by the shoddy work of inexperienced strikebreakers and the corporate recklessness of Rocky Mountain's executives.

Since the decision to terminate its workforce eighteen months ago, Rocky Mountain Steel has reportedly encountered serious quality problems with its manufactured products. Under no circumstances should the well-being of BART's hundreds of thousands of regular commuters be jeopardized by this corporation's careless and irresponsible behavior.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud the initiative taken by the San Francisco Board of Supervisors to urge BART to end its purchases of Rocky Mountain Steel. The company's striking steelworkers deserve better, and the safety of Bay Area commuters demands no less.

TRIBUTE TO BARBARA AND JAY
VINCENT

HON. GEORGE MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 5, 1999

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to salute two very special individuals, Barbara and Jay Vincent of Richmond, California. Barbara and Jay each deserve recognition in their own right for the countless hours they have individually given to their community. From Barbara's leadership with the PTA, League of Women Voters and the Richmond Planning Commission, to Jay's involvement with the YMCA, Richmond Farmers' Market and the East Brother Light Station restoration, the Vincents' commitment has touched every corner of the City.

Yet, perhaps the greatest contribution Barbara and Jay have made to the future of Richmond is their tireless efforts to preserve our region's open space and natural resources. Long appreciating the beauty of the San Francisco Bay and its habitats, the Vincents have worked to ensure that the Richmond shoreline will continue to be accessible and enjoyed by generations to come. It is indeed fitting that the City of Richmond recently honored these efforts by dedicating the Barbara and Jay Vincent Park, a spectacular bayside site with sweeping vistas of San Francisco, the Golden Gate Bridge, Angel Island, and Mt. Tamalpais.

It has been my distinct honor and pleasure to know and work with the Vincents during my tenure in the U.S. Congress. Their personal dedication to community service has always been an exceptional source of inspiration. I know my colleagues join me today in celebrating their many accomplishments, and in expressing our deepest appreciation.

COLUMBINE HIGH SCHOOL

HON. THOMAS G. TANCREDO

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 5, 1999

Mr. TANCREDO. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise with a heavy heart, but a heart that is buoyed by thoughts of hope and inspiration. In a little over a week, the first day of school begins at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colorado, which is located in my district.

We can all remember the first day of school and the excitement that went along with it. The anticipation for the year ahead and what it would bring. The exhilarating feeling of seeing friends, joining new clubs and sports teams, and being a part of something special. I doubt that many of us would ever trade our experiences in high school for anything.

Tragically, more than 2,000 students will begin school at Columbine without twelve of their classmates, and one teacher. These individuals are not among them not because they have graduated and gone onto college or moved to another town and now attend another school. They are not pursuing passions such as being a Navy pilot, fishing, singing, playing football, traveling to France, acting, playing music, working as a missionary, playing volleyball, praying, or being a father. They are not with them, because they were the victims of a senseless and destructive act that took place April 20, 1999.

Among these students will be twenty-two individuals who were wounded during the events of April 20th and are hoping to return to school this year. These students and teachers face challenges in the coming days and beyond that no one should have to face in the future. Richard Castaldo, Sean Graves, Anne Marie Hochhalter, Lance Kirklun, Kasey Ruegsegger, Patrick Ireland, Mark Taylor, Jennifer Doyle, Makai Hall, Mark Kintgen, Nicole, Nowlen, Danny Steepleton, Brian Anderson, Stephen Austin Eubanks, Nicholas Foss, Joyce Jankowski, Adam Kyler, Stephanie Munson, Patricia Nielsen, Charles Simmons, Evan Todd, and Michael Johnson are strong enough to stand up and begin another chapter