

Month. In telling the stories of community members like Gigi, Santiago, and Vanessa, we celebrate the power of our Hispanic community in Georgia. As a representative of our state, I will continue to champion their values of strength, service, and patriotism every day.

HONORING JONATHAN “J.T.”
TENNANT

HON. EARL L. “BUDDY” CARTER

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 2, 2020

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor 20-year veteran harbor pilot Jonathan “J.T.” Tennant of Brunswick, Georgia, who played a pivotal role in ensuring the safety of all crewmembers aboard the *Golden Ray* carrier when it shipwrecked over a year ago on September 8, 2019.

If you visit St. Simons Island in Georgia’s First District, it’s hard to miss the *Golden Ray*, which is a 656-foot-long car carrier that remains capsized on the St. Simons Sound.

As the investigation into the incident by the U.S. Coast Guard and the National Transportation Safety Board continues, we’ve been able to gain valuable insight from crewmembers and others involved.

Although he had steered a city block-sized cargo ship from the Brunswick River to the St. Simons Sound several thousand times, nothing could have prepared J.T. for what happened the morning of September 8. The *Golden Ray* was sailing normally, but the rudder and the propeller came up out of the water to where J.T. had no operational control of the vessel and it started capsizing rapidly.

He endured flames melting the steel and smoke emanating airboxes the entire length of the ship. A testament to his extensive experience piloting more than 5,000 ships in and out of the Port of Brunswick, J.T. drove the *Golden Ray* as far up on the Sound as possible that day to ensure all 23 mariners aboard were saved and rescued.

When you see the giant cargo ship in the sound and realize there was no loss of life, it is nothing short of a miracle and a testament to the hard-working crew—including J.T.

Although it is an unfortunate situation, I am thankful for the courage and determination J.T. and the entire crew displayed that day.

HONORING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF NORTH OAKLAND VFW POST 334

HON. ELISSA SLOTKIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 2, 2020

Ms. SLOTKIN. Madam Speaker, today, I rise to celebrate the 75th anniversary of VFW Post 334 in Oxford, Michigan.

Since its founding, VFW Post 334 has served the local community in Oxford. Whether it’s their shelf at the Oxford/Orion FISH food pantry, a float in the annual Christmas parade, or maintaining the local veterans’ memorial, Oxford residents can count on VFW Post 334 to show up and care.

VFW Post 334 is committed to making a difference in the lives of veterans who answered the call to serve. By praying for those deployed, supporting their families at home, and honoring those who are no longer with us, VFW members strengthen the bonds that connect them back to their service.

For its work, VFW Post 334 was recognized in 2019 as a Michigan All-State Post for the third year in a row.

Most recently, it was awarded the Diamond Jubilee Award, given to VFW Charters that have demonstrated exceptional service for three-quarters of a century.

In closing, I want to thank Quartermaster Chuck Haskin, Senior Vice Commander Randy Stetson, and Post Commander Jim Hubbard for their leadership and service to the North Oakland community.

The spirit of VFW Post 334 can be found in the closing words of the Commander’s message on their web page: “We honor the dead by helping the living.”

I congratulate VFW Post 334 on a successful 75 years and wish them all the best in the next 75 years to come.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF GOLF LEGEND, PETE DYE

HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 2, 2020

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of legendary golf course designer Pete Dye. Pete, along with his wife Alice, spent a career designing some of the most difficult and well-known golf courses across this country and the world. This included Crooked Stick Golf Club in Carmel, Indiana, where they had a home on the 18th hole. The Fifth District, the State of Indiana and golfers across the nation join his family and friends to mourn the loss of Pete Dye.

Pete Dye grew up in Urbana, Ohio, and learned to play golf on a nine-hole course, Urbana Country Club, that his father, Paul Dye—a bar owner, insurance agent and postmaster—built after becoming obsessed with the game. Dye went on to become a high school state champion in Ohio and the Indiana State Amateur champion in 1958. He competed in six U.S. Amateurs and even in the 1957 U.S. Open. Along with being a talented golfer, Dye became a successful life insurance salesman however, both his and Alice’s passion for golf led them to golf course design. Their first course, the nine hole El Dorado course, was built south of Indianapolis.

Dye went on to design courses in dozens of states across the country and in a dozen foreign countries. Many of his courses have been home to multiple PGA Tour events with some of the best players in the world trying to figure out the difficult slopes, sand traps and greens. Dye was responsible for the design of The Stadium Course at TPC Sawgrass in Florida, home of the iconic “island green” on the 17th hole and is one of the most famous of his designs. Dye is well known and respected throughout the entire golf community, from recreational golfers to the world’s best which landed him multiple honors and awards.

Dye received the Donald Ross Award from the American Society of Golf Course Architects in 1995; the 2003 Old Tom Morris Award from the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America; 2004 Distinguished Service Award from the PGA of America; and 2005 PGA TOUR Lifetime Achievement Award. In 2008, Pete Dye became just the fifth golf architect to be inducted into the World Golf Hall of Fame.

Along with his world-renowned golf courses and talent for the game of golf, Pete was also a loving husband and father. Alice, his wife and design partner of 68 years preceded him in death. He is survived by his two sons both of whom carry on the golf course design legacy: Perry and his wife Ann and P.B. and his wife Jean. He is also survived by two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. On behalf of the Fifth District I extend my deepest condolences to the Dye family. The people of Indiana and golfers throughout the entire world will miss Pete, but his courses and legacy will live on.

TRIBUTE TO JAI RAJAGOPAL

HON. JOE NEGUSE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 2, 2020

Mr. NEGUSE. Madam Speaker, I rise today for Jai Rajagopal, a beloved son, brother, friend, and organizer who is lost to us far soon. On behalf of so many who loved Jai, I stand here to mourn.

Jai was not your ordinary young person, nor community member: he was outstanding in everything he did. When he was only-just old enough to vote, Jai dedicated himself to civic engagement, beginning with that time honored tradition of progress in our nation: voter registration. When he was 19, he worked on my campaign for Congress, where he was adored by and inspiring to every member of that team, myself included. I am a member of Congress today, because of Jai.

Ever since, Jai worked ceaselessly for candidates, for causes, for the Colorado state legislature, even running for office himself. He was seemingly never short of energy for the things he believed in. His impacts on our community will be felt for years to come.

And, let me tell you, to see Jai’s passion for our nation’s progress, in engaging other young folks in the democracy his generation is inheriting, it was literally awe-inspiring. He was brilliant, full-hearted, and courageous, and it was an honor to know him.

Through endless willpower and dedication, Jai moved mountains, motivated through the assured belief that people were always, always worth fighting for.

I count myself incredibly lucky to have known Jai. I share my deepest condolences with Jai’s mother and brother, to whom he always credited his intelligence and motivation: my thoughts and prayers are with you.

To all that are mourning Jai, let his memory be your motivation in the continued fight for justice.

Rest peacefully, my brother.