

Bulldawg Nation who not only competed well at the 2010 U.S. Open Championship, but also represented our great state and flagship university with class. All three have displayed the fortitude and dedication that makes them great role models for young golfers today. Hudson Swafford battled back from shoulder surgery to compete in this year's Open, Erik Compton has survived two heart transplants, and Russell Henley has worked hard to receive numerous awards, including being named Golfweek's National Player of the Year after finishing No. 1 in the final Golfweek/Sagarin Performance Index for 2009–2010. Henley also tied with one other player for low amateur status at the 2010 U.S. Open.

I urge my colleagues to join me in commending these young men. I also hope Members of the House will turn their attention to the attached article—written by author and Bulldawg great Loran Smith—on the class they exhibited at this year's U.S. Open.

FANS LOVE THE DAWGS; DAWGS LOVE THE OPEN
(By Loran Smith)

PEBBLE BEACH, CA.—At the par-4 dogleg No. 8 hole at Pebble Beach, hard by the Pacific Ocean, a fan yelled out as Russell Henley passed through in the second round on Friday: "Go Bulldogs!"

This obviously was a fan who had become attracted to the play of Henley, playing partner Erik Compton and Hudson Swafford, who was in the group behind them. If he had shouted the familiar "Go Dawgs!" it would not have given him away as a new Georgia fan.

"It has been amazing," said Compton, who missed the cut with a two round total of 158, 16 over par. "You won't believe the number of times I heard someone shouting, 'Go Dawgs!' It made me feel like I was back in Athens."

Compton has something to do with the regard for the Bulldog contingent in that his compelling story continues to attract attention. How many times do the TV networks and the Washington Post show up to interview a guy who is 16 over par?

It would only be natural that a player who has had two heart transplants would attract media attention, even when he misses the cut. That he wants to follow his dream of playing the PGA tour with his considerable challenge piques the media interest.

"Anyone going through what he has gone through makes it something special in the fact that he is here," said Chris Haack, his coach at Georgia.

There is more to the story.

"I think Russell and Hudson (Swafford) have enjoyed themselves and have played to the crowd," Haack continued. "They have made a lot of friends for the University of Georgia."

It would be easy to spot Henley and Swafford with their Georgia golf bags and Bulldog head covers. But they were not all show. They displayed shotmaking savvy that engendered respect.

"That is the thing that I have enjoyed the most," Haack added. "I think they showed the other players in the Open that they can play golf and should be joining them out here someday."

Haack met a couple from Colorado during the first round. When he showed up on the second day they were following his guys.

"We became Georgia fans after talking to you and watching your players," the Colorado couple said. "They are very nice, and it is fun to see them having such a good time and enjoying themselves."

Early in the week, Haack was in the middle of his summer golf camp when Swafford

called him and said, "Coach you need to come out here and see this place. You just won't believe how unbelievable it is."

Haack was torn emotionally. He wanted to be here, but he felt responsible to the kids in his camp. At first, he hesitated.

"I haven't made any arrangements," Haack said. "I don't even have a place to stay."

With that, Swafford caused Haack to rethink his plans with an invitation to room with him. Haack discussed it with his campers, fully expecting to stay in Athens if there were any expressions of disappointment. The campers told him he ought to strike out for Pebble Beach.

"I was excited about coming out here when I got the call," Haack said. "The fact that two of our players are competing in the Open is special, and it doesn't happen very often. Might not ever happen again. The players arranged a player instructor pass for me which gave me access to the practice tee. I have had a great time. Who wouldn't enjoy Pebble Beach?"

In the first round, when Swafford was leading briefly at 2-under par, the text messages began streaming in. All Haack could think about was that his players had to be getting attention for a lot of recruiting prospects.

"These boys have done Georgia proud," he said. "I'm grateful that they wanted me to come out and join them."

In the background, the waves of the Pacific were crashing against the rocks along the 18th fairway and sea otters were cavorting energetically in the ocean. The Georgia contingent, enjoying themselves to the fullest, realize that there are few golf experiences to compare to the Open at Pebble Beach.

For Henley, there is something extra. He now has a chance to become the low amateur by nightfall Sunday.

HONORING RON GETTELFINGER
FOR HIS LEADERSHIP OF THE
UAW

SPEECH OF

HON. CANDICE S. MILLER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 23, 2009

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, when people think of achieving the American Dream, it is largely a middle class dream to which they aspire. People want to be able to have a stable job, own their own home, get their kids a good education, and maybe have a little left over to invest in a boat or an RV to relax on the weekends. They do not need to have the biggest house on the street or the most expensive car; they just want security for themselves and their family.

In my humble opinion, there is no place that embodies the ideal of the American Dream better than the state of Michigan. The reason for that, Mr. Speaker, is that for all the great inventions to come out of Michigan, perhaps the best is the American middle class.

Over the last 100 years, GM, Ford, and Chrysler were some of the largest companies in America and they provided jobs for millions over that time. People from around the country and around the world flocked to Detroit for a brighter future and a chance at achieving the American Dream.

As these companies prospered, the Big Three and the UAW collaborated for decades to provide good-paying jobs, health benefits, and a secure retirement of millions of workers

and their families not only in Michigan, but around the rest of the country as well. There were some bumps in the road in that relationship, but both management and labor prospered from the success of these companies. The result was the creation of the American middle class.

Unfortunately, the last few years have not been as kind to the domestic auto industry as the previous 100 years had been. We can talk about all the different reasons for that, but the point is that the president of the UAW was put in a position that no other UAW leader had ever been.

Ron Gettelfinger had to negotiate significant reductions in pay and benefits for his members, and then convince those members that these actions were necessary to save the companies on which their livelihoods depended. Some called it the most difficult job in Detroit—and they may have been right.

Ron Gettelfinger in some ways represents the perfect image for the UAW. He works hard. He doesn't seek out the media spotlight. He simply tries to do the very best he can for the men and women who have placed their trust in him. He is just like so many hard-working men and women of the UAW.

And in what was a true crisis that threatened the American Dream for so many, Ron Gettelfinger stepped up to the plate. As he had always done, he fought for the best interests of his members—which ultimately meant sacrificing some hard negotiated benefits so that the Big Three could survive.

And let there be no doubt, were it not for his practical and pragmatic leadership, the fate of the Big Three could have turned out very differently. The end of GM and the likely liquidation of Chrysler were very real possibilities. Instead, Ford, GM, and Chrysler are now moving forward in a profitable way that ensures future generations will also have an opportunity at achieving the American Dream through the auto industry.

As Ron moves on to a new chapter in his life, I wish him the very best and I thank him for the quiet courage and dedication he showed in a very difficult situation. All of us and all of Michigan owe him a tremendous debt of gratitude.

SUPPORTING THE IMPORTANCE OF
BRAILLE IN THE LIVES OF
BLIND PEOPLE

SPEECH OF

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 23, 2010

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I join my colleagues in supporting the designation of July 2010 as "Braille Literacy Month," and in congratulating the National Federation of the Blind for seventy years of outstanding service. I am delighted that we have this opportunity to reflect on the progress made to services for the blind, and to build on this progress for the future of Braille literacy.

One-hundred-eighty years ago, the first Braille book was published—an accomplishment that has since allowed for millions of people, who are blind or of low vision, to read, write and communicate. For a person who is blind, Braille has become a basic skill that lies

at the center of the continuing efforts for fairness and equal education. The National Federation of the Blind, as both the oldest and largest organization of blind people in the United States, is integral to this continuous fight for equality. For the past several decades, the National Federation of the Blind has advocated strongly for the translation of more books and textbooks into Braille so as to both promote Braille literacy and help integrate blind persons into society. As policymakers, we must support the advancement of equality and knowledge that is imbibed in the actions of the NFB. Declaring July 2010 as "Braille Literacy Month" would be one step, but an important one, in our efforts towards promoting equality and education for all persons in the United States.

In my hometown of Chicago, there is a non-profit organization called the Chicago Lighthouse that has provided services and support for the blind for several decades, much like the NFB. Amongst their many accomplishments in education and job training, the Chicago Lighthouse is also responsible for the manufacturing of the many clocks that you see in the U.S. government today—a testament to the skills, talent, and work of the people they serve. Though only one of many achievements, the clocks that you see around you today demonstrate the continuing need to provide equal access to job opportunities and education to those who are blind so as to fulfill their potentials.

In declaring July 2010 as Braille Literacy Month, we would not only be promoting literacy for the blind, but progressing down a road of true equality as well.

RECOGNIZING ALLEN USA FOR UNITING FREEDOM, FAMILIES, AND FUN

HON. SAM JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2010

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Allen USA for uniting freedom, families, and fun. It's hometown events that promote quality together time while celebrating the bounty of America that make Texas a great place to call home. We're proud to remind folks that we're the land of the free because of the brave! My hat is off to the great folks at the City of Allen and Allen Parks Foundation who make Allen USA a success year after year. Below is information detailing this worthy celebration. It is an honor to be a part of it. God bless you all and I salute you one and all.

Produced as a cooperative effort between the City of Allen and the Allen Parks Foundation, the Allen USA celebration is Allen's largest and most spectacular community event to say the least! Centered around the theme of being "First to the Fourth", Allen USA serves as the community's Fourth of July celebration, uniquely held the last Saturday of June every year. Being the last Saturday in June allows the event to be a stand out among area cities' celebrations and promotes attendance locally, regionally and state-wide.

Allen USA began in 1995, taking place in the intimate surroundings of Bethany Lakes Park and Joe Farmer Recreation Center amphitheater. An estimated 5,000 people at-

tended the first event complete with fireworks, a thrilling laser show and entertainment provided by the Allen Civic Chorus and other local talent.

The phenomenal success from these humble beginnings led the event to move to a larger venue at Allen Station Park. Attendance grew to more than 20,000 as the entertainment included national recording artists such as Jerry Jeff Walker, Vince Vance and the Valiants, and others.

In 2003, Allen USA exploded in attendance with a move to Allen's new 106 acre Celebration Park. Since that time, the event has grown to a regular attendance of up to 65,000 people and has included national recording artists such as Survivor, JT Taylor from Kool and the Gang, Eddie Money, 38 Special and Three Dog Night to name a few.

There is truly something for everyone at Allen USA! A number of concessionaires will be on site selling all of your favorite festival foods and snacks. The Kids Zone hosts a multitude of bounce houses and play structures for children to enjoy. The Activity Zone provides fun and exciting entertainment for children and youth of all ages.

This year our Main Stage will be rockin' with the tunes of the Commodores and, after what promises to be an exciting performance, the evening ends with one of the largest fireworks shows set to music in North Texas! And did we mention . . . admission is FREE!

Allen USA also gives back to the community! A number of civic organizations support the event through countless volunteer hours to sell soft drinks, souvenirs and assist with festival activities. The event returns back to them a portion of the proceeds for their hard work and support!

Many people have said that it's the memories they create at Allen USA that keeps them coming back year after year. The family friendly reputation of this event is what grabs other's attention to attend for the first time! But regardless of why people attend, at the end of the night, the smiles say it all! So come party in the park with us . . . you'll be glad you did!"

HONORING RON GETTELFINGER FOR HIS LEADERSHIP OF THE UAW

SPEECH OF

HON. BETTY SUTTON

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 23, 2010

Ms. SUTTON. Mr. Speaker, thank you, Representative DINGELL and thank you for organizing this special order hour to honor Ron Gettelfinger.

I rise today to honor Ron Gettelfinger as he retires from the United Auto Workers where he has served for the last eight years as President.

Thank you President Gettelfinger for your service—not only to your membership but to our Nation.

You have made a difference and you have made our Nation a stronger and a better place.

Your efforts have strengthened the middle class.

In 1964, Ron Gettelfinger became a member of UAW Local 862.

He worked as a chassis line repairman and was elected by the workers at Ford's Louisville Assembly plant to represent them.

Ron served as Director of UAW Region 3, which includes Indiana and Kentucky . . .

Ron exemplified what it means to be a leader.

Through his leadership, the UAW has navigated the difficult waters of the financial collapse in 2008 and the current recession.

And as unfair trade deals have devastated U.S. manufacturing jobs, Ron Gettelfinger stood strong in the fight for a new approach to trade.

Fair trade that works with our workers and businesses, not against them.

Ron Gettelfinger has called for fair trade agreements that include workers' rights and environmental provisions.

And Ron Gettelfinger has called for the so-called Free Trade Agreement with South Korea to be renegotiated.

This Bush-negotiated trade agreement would allow unfair advantages for Korean automakers to persist.

In 2009, our trade deficit with South Korea in autos was \$7.8 billion.

Korean automakers control 95 percent of their domestic auto market.

And Ron Gettelfinger led the charge for reciprocity of market access, calling on Korea to open their market.

Ron knows, as we know, that our workers are the very best in the world and can compete on a level-playing field.

Ron negotiated deals for working families and our trade representative must also negotiate good deals with our working families in mind.

Because of Ron's leadership during his eight years as President and his service to UAW members since 1964, I am proud to represent 8,700 active and retired UAW members in my Congressional District.

In Ohio, we have at least 111,000 active and retired UAW members.

Thank you again Ron for your outstanding service to the UAW, to American manufacturing, and to our Nation.

SUPPORTING THE REFUGEES AT CAMP ASHRAF

HON. WM. LACY CLAY

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2010

Mr. CLAY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to support the refugees living at Camp Ashraf in Iraq. I am disturbed by reports of continued abuse of these Iranian refugees by the same Iraqi forces that are responsible for ensuring their safety. In light of the recent announcement of an upcoming U.S. troop withdrawal from the camp, I urge Congress to support the residents at Camp Ashraf by ensuring they receive the protection that they deserve.

These refugees, who have been forced from their homes in Iran, are exactly the kind of defenseless people the international community needs to ensure are protected. Unfortunately, they have been subject to bloody incursions from the Iraqi army, such as the travesty of last year's attack which killed 11 people and injured over 400. It is critical that the United States and international community work to ensure that the residents of this camp are treated humanely.

I encourage my colleagues to join me in supporting the refugees at Camp Ashraf.