

have named the 2024 Woman of the Year for Lake County because of her excellent work in our community. Woman of the Year recognizes women who contributed significantly to California's 4th Congressional District in Arts and Culture, Professional Achievement, Entrepreneurship and Innovation, or Community Service.

Ms. Santana was born in Los Angeles, California, to Manuela Garcia de Santana and Galdino Gomez Santana. Ms. Santana received an associate degree in early childhood education from Yuba College and a bachelor's degree in early childhood education from Pacific Union College. She is married to Jose Luis Alfaro. Together, they are parents to Daniella, Luis-Alberto, and Thomas.

Ms. Santana's leadership and commitment to our educational community are commendable. For nearly two decades, she has worked at the Lake County Office of Education as a champion for family advocacy and services. Her active participation in various commissions and organizations, such as the Healthy Start Youth and Family Services Program Director, the Juvenile Justice Committee, Upper Lake Unified School District Board Member, and the Latinos United of Lake County Secretary, is a testament to her unwavering dedication as a public servant.

Notably, Ms. Santana has advocated for those in need and orchestrated countless community outreach events. As chair of the Lake County Children's Council and a past board member of St. Peter's Hispanic Congregation, she has dramatically inspired her colleagues and those in our community. Many have recognized her incredible impact on our community. Recently, the Press Democrat named her Lake County's Most Influential Woman.

As a past president and secretary of the Upper Lake High School Boosters, Ms. Santana continues to support her children by volunteering or promoting any event they are involved in. She has always been committed to her job and volunteer positions. Ms. Santana's philanthropic acts stem from her mindset that everything she does is worth it as long as it suits the children. She has helped direct events connecting our communities to different health initiatives, again showing her passion for outreach.

Mr. Speaker, we thank Ms. Santana for her excellent service and passion for our community. Therefore, it is fitting that we honor her here today as Lake County's 2024 Woman of the Year.

HONORING ATTORNEY PAHEADRA  
ROBINSON

**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 1, 2024*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Attorney Paheadra Robinson.

Paheadra Robinson, B.S., J.D., class of 1994, was recognized as a Remarkable Woman of Mississippi by WJTV for her body work around Social Justice and Medicaid Expansion. If she's not supporting her three children in their extracurricular activities, you can find her taking on a leadership role in several critical issues.

Robinson graduated from Lanier High School before attending Tougaloo College. From there, she went on to earn her law degree from the University of Mississippi.

Robinson currently serves as principal of the Bratton Consulting Group. She's been addressing civil rights and consumer protection issues through advocacy and community education for more than 20 years.

Robinson brings a rich tapestry of experience to her role. As an attorney, advocate, and seasoned consultant, she has navigated the halls of legislation and the grassroots of community movements with equal adeptness. This unique blend of experiences empowers her with an unparalleled perspective on driving change. At the heart of Robinson's work is a profound passion for economic justice and community upliftment.

Her approach is deeply empathetic yet strategically sharp, ensuring that her clients not only envision change but also effectively enact it. Robinson's expertise lies in not just advising organizations but in truly empowering them. Her guidance helps turn visions into impactful actions, fostering growth in leaders and tangible progress in communities.

With Robinson and The Bratton Group, LLC, your nonprofit's mission finds a powerful voice and a clear path forward. She embodies the ideal blend of heart, intellect, and action—making her an exceptional asset in the journey towards a better world.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Attorney Paheadra Robinson for her dedication and tenacity to serving his community and desire to be an example for all.

RECOGNIZING ELIZABETH ILIFF  
ON HER OFFER OF APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND THE UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY

**HON. ROBERT E. LATTA**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 1, 2024*

Mr. Latta. Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay special tribute to an outstanding student from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am pleased to announce that Elizabeth Iliff of Lorain, Ohio, has been offered an appointment to the United States Military Academy in West Point, New York.

Elizabeth's offer of appointment permits her to attend the United States Military Academy this fall with the incoming Class of 2028. Attending one of our Nation's military academies not only offers the opportunity to serve our country, but also guarantees a world-class education while undertaking one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences of their lives.

Elizabeth brings a tremendous amount of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming Class of 2028. While attending Marion Steele High School, she participated in National Honor Society, L.E.O. Club, student government, and was on the honor role. Throughout high school, Elizabeth was involved in cheerleading and golf, earning her varsity letter in both. I am confident that she will carry the lessons of her student and athletic leadership to the Military Academy.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Elizabeth Iliff on her offer of

appointment to the United States Military Academy. Our service academies offer the finest military training and education available, and I am positive that Elizabeth will excel during her career at the Military Academy. I ask my colleagues to join me in extending their best wishes to her as she begins her service to our Nation.

IN MEMORY OF DR. GLEN C.  
KNECHT, SR.

**HON. JOE WILSON**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 1, 2024*

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, last week a beloved former pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Columbia, South Carolina, passed away but will always be cherished as evidenced by his obituary.

Dr. Glen C. Knecht, Sr., 94, was received into the glory of his Savior on April 23, 2024, at his home, Laurel Haven, in Laurel, MD. Born March 19, 1930, in Ogdensburg, NY, son of Robert and Wilma Knecht, Glen grew up in Syracuse, NY. Glen was brought to transformative, saving faith in his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ at summer camp as a teenager.

At 16, Glen began attending Maryville College where he met the love of his life, Betty Jane Greenwald. As the story goes, on their first date she told him she wanted to be a country schoolteacher and Glen replied, "That's great because I want to be a country preacher!" Glen went on to graduate from Maryville and later from both Fuller Theological Seminary and Princeton Seminary where he received a Master of Theology Degree. He also received a Doctor of Divinity Degree (Honorary) from Covenant College, Lookout Mountain, GA.

Their marriage ceremony was broadcast on the live CBS television program, *Bride and the Broom* and from there the couple embarked on a 72-year journey of service and devotion to the Lord and each other. Together, they answered the call to missionary work in Tabriz, Iran in 1958, and traversed the Atlantic Ocean with their young children, Todd and Beth, in tow. While in Iran, he provided a complete seminary education to an Iranian pastor. He preached in both Persian and Turkish in the church there and in English to the U.S. government personnel in Tabriz. After five years, their term was complete. They returned to the U.S. again by boat, having added Wendy and Janet to the family.

Glen's first pastorate was at the Union Presbyterian Church in Kirkwood, Pennsylvania where he served before departing for the mission field. Upon his return he served for eight years as pastor of the Oxford Presbyterian Church in Oxford, Pennsylvania, during which Glen, Jr. and daughter, Amy, were born. His next pastorate was at the Wallace Memorial Presbyterian Church (then located) in Hyattsville, Maryland, a stone's throw from the U.S. Capitol. Glen served as senior pastor there from 1971-1983. From 1983-1997, he was Senior Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Columbia, SC. From 1997-2007 he served at Fourth Presbyterian Church, in Bethesda, MD, first as Assistant Pastor (Minister of Visitation) and then as Associate Pastor for Congregational Care. His last pastorate was at the Christ Reformed Evangelical Church, Annapolis, MD from 2007-2016. He was a member of the Potomac Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church of America at the time of his death.

He was honored to pastor the historic First Presbyterian Church of Columbia, SC. The kindness and generosity of that congregation blessed the entire Knecht family. During these sweet years in Columbia, their daughter, Janet's condition with MS worsened. The First Presbyterian Church family lovingly cared for them, by putting in a pool for Janet's therapy in the backyard of the manse. While serving in Columbia, he was named to the Order of the Palmetto in 1997, by South Carolina Governor David Beasley, the state's highest civilian honor, given to citizens for lifetime achievements and contributions that have significantly benefited South Carolina.

Glen had a love for Iranian people throughout his life, as well as for all believers in the persecuted church around the world. He traveled to Pakistan, Ukraine, Cypress, and Ethiopia on short-term mission trips. Through the years Glen influenced countless men and women to follow Christ through his preaching and Christ-like character. He will be remembered for his generosity, hospitality, and his devotion to prayer. His firm convictions regarding honoring the Fourth Commandment, led him to write the book, *The Day God Made*, concerning the Sabbath, published in 2003 by Banner of Truth.

Glen or "Gra", as he became known by his grandchildren, is survived by his wife of 72 years, Betty Jane Greenwald Knecht, son, Todd R. Knecht, (Jane), daughter, Elizabeth Myers, (Thomas), daughter Wendy Higgins, (Craig), son Glen C. Knecht, Jr. (Beth), and daughter Amy Frierson, (Frick). He is also surviving by 17 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren (so far) and many dear nieces and nephews. Glen was preceded in death by his daughter, Jane Lynn Dick (Jonathan), his parents, his sister, Nancy Cimbale and brothers Robert and Gerald Knecht. We loved him all the way to Heaven!

"For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to give strong support to those who heart is blameless toward him." II Chronicles 16:9.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. ALMA S. ADAMS**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 1, 2024*

Ms. ADAMS. Mr. Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 164; NAY on Roll Call No. 165; YEA on Roll Call No. 166; NAY on Roll Call No. 167; and YEA on Roll Call No. 168.

RECOGNIZING DR. BENJAMIN TALUS AND HIS SERVICE TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**HON. JERROLD NADLER**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 1, 2024*

Mr. NADLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank Dr. Benjamin Talus for nearly three years of outstanding service to the constituents of New York's 12th Congressional District.

Ben's career in the Capitol began as a House Page in 2009, where he was one of the last Pages to serve the House. A native of the Philadelphia suburbs, Ben's career has taken

him far and wide, providing him with diverse experiences that helped cultivate his sound political judgment I have come to rely on daily

Ben returned to DC in 2010 to pursue his bachelor's degree in foreign service at Georgetown University. In 2013, he interned for Hillary Clinton as she transitioned out of her role as Secretary of State and back into private life. This experience earned him a communications role with the Clinton Foundation following his graduation in 2014. In this role, he staffed former President Bill Clinton, riding alongside the Secret Service at events across the country.

Directly advising one of the most powerful women in the world wasn't the most rewarding part of his tenure at the Foundation, however. It was where Ben met his future wife, Allie Gottlieb. Together, they went on to move to Miami where they worked together to send former HHS Secretary Donna Shalala to Congress.

After Congresswoman Shalala's victory in 2019, they relocated back to Washington, where Ben served as Senior Policy Advisor until 2021, when he joined my team as my Foreign Policy Advisor.

Ben dutifully supported my role as the most senior Jewish Member of Congress, advising not only myself, but also other Members looking to his foreign policy expertise. In the wake of the Israel-Hamas war, Ben has been working around the clock, fielding calls from other Members, stakeholder groups, and myself as we work to respond to the crisis. Ben's deep, complex understanding of the Jewish community and my district have been indispensable, and I could not be more grateful to have had him by my side during this difficult time.

Ben's time in my office was marked several personal milestones—he married Allie, earned both a master's and a doctoral degree in international relations from Johns Hopkins, and adopted Teddy, his Lagotto Romagnolo puppy that is often the topic of office discussion.

While his departure will be a profound loss for the House and my team, I'm pleased he won't be going far as he is moving to New York for his next chapter in the private sector. I look forward to seeing all he will accomplish, and most importantly, seeing Teddy enjoy Central Park as Ben practices his agogo in the meadow.

HONORING NATIONAL BUSINESS AVIATION ASSOCIATION'S MAINTENANCE CONFERENCE

**HON. LORI CHAVEZ-DeREMÉR**

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 1, 2024*

Mrs. CHAVEZ-DeREMÉR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize an important sector of business aviation that will be highlighted at the National Business Aviation Association's 37th Maintenance Conference, which will be held this week in Portland, Oregon.

General aviation has a significant impact on the Oregon economy, supporting over 213,000 jobs and sustaining a payroll of \$10 billion. The economic impact of airports in Oregon totals \$28.5 billion.

Furthermore, aviation maintenance ensures aircraft operations' safety, reliability, and com-

pliance. It contributes significantly to the economy by supporting jobs and businesses in the maintenance, repair, and overhaul sectors. Maintenance programs also build customer confidence, prolong aircraft lifespans, and reduce aviation's environmental footprint through optimized efficiency and emissions management.

The NBAA's Maintenance Conference serves as a vital gathering for professionals in the business aviation industry and provides industry leaders, technicians, engineers, and service providers a platform to come together, share knowledge, discuss emerging trends, and explore advancements in aviation technology and safety protocols.

As the aviation sector continues to evolve rapidly, conferences like the NBAA Maintenance Conference play a crucial role in fostering collaboration, innovation, and excellence within the industry.

Moreover, hosting such a critical aviation event in Portland, Oregon, further underscores the state's significance as a hub for aviation innovation and excellence. With its vibrant aviation community, world-class facilities, and commitment to sustainability, Portland serves as an ideal backdrop for fostering discussions on the future of aviation maintenance and sustainable practices.

Oregon boasts a robust aviation infrastructure, with 49 repair stations, 17 FAA-approved pilot schools, 3,604 student pilots, and 1,844 flight instructors, according to FAA data. The state is also home to 52 fixed-base operators and 149 heliports.

I commend the National Business Aviation Association for its dedication to advancing the business aviation community's interests and organizing this important event. I extend my best wishes for a successful and productive conference to all participants, sponsors, and organizers.

May the NBAA Maintenance Conference in Portland, Oregon, serve as a catalyst for continued progress and collaboration in business aviation maintenance while highlighting the vital contributions of aviation maintenance jobs to Oregonians and individuals across the Nation.

I am grateful for the opportunity to recognize this important event.

RECOGNIZING BISHOP ROBERT DELANO TAYLOR

**HON. RASHIDA TLAIB**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 1, 2024*

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, today I want to recognize Bishop Robert Delano Taylor, of Glad Tidings Church in Detroit, as he is promoted as the Presiding Bishop of Southwest Michigan Agape Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction.

Since 1987, Bishop Taylor has served as the pastor of Glad Tidings Church, where he has led his family in faith and spearheaded numerous programs in service to the community. He has launched initiatives to provide vital resources to children, youth, and families, as well as offering essential support to the homeless during winter months, as well as providing backpacks, free haircuts, and dental services during annual back-to-school rallies.

In his new role, Bishop Taylor undertakes the monumental task of overseeing a vast network of over fifty congregations. In addition to