

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 helicopters.

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

his administrative duties, Bishop Taylor dedicates himself to nurturing and guiding the pastors within his jurisdiction, ensuring they are equipped with the requisite resources to foster their spiritual, emotional, and intellectual growth. His steadfast commitment to the betterment of others is evident in every aspect of his leadership.

The 12th Congressional District offers our congratulations and recognition of Bishop Robert Delano Taylor for his spiritual leadership and impact on our community.

RECOGNIZING ALEXANDER ARO
CALVILLO

HON. BRITTANY PETERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 1, 2024

Ms. PETERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Alexander Aro Calvillo for earning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

Alexander has overcome many challenges along his journey to success, demonstrating perseverance at every step. Students who strive to make the most of their education, like Alexander, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Alexander's hard work, determination, and perseverance at Jefferson Jr./Sr. High School and is clearly just the beginning of a bright and promising future.

It is my honor to congratulate Alexander Aro Calvillo on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

HONORING NAPA SCHOOLS FOR
CLIMATE ACTION

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 1, 2024

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Napa Schools for Climate Action, which I have named the 2024 Climate Crisis Champion for Napa County because of the important work it has done to promote youth climate leadership and advocate for climate policies in California's 4th Congressional District.

Napa Schools for Climate Action has been at the forefront of our Napa County community's fight against climate change. It has hosted informational community presentations on climate change at locations such as the Napa County Library and events including the Napa Valley Unified School District Professional Development Day. They have also organized annual Creative Piece Contests for high school students, which are meant to invite students to create art pieces that reflect their emotions toward the climate crisis. These contests are decided by a panel of judges, and cash prizes are awarded to top candidates. Their dedication to including the voices of young people, especially high school students, in the conversations about the climate crisis is important.

Napa Schools for Climate Action has also successfully worked for meaningful policies

which combat climate change. They have advocated for Climate Emergency Resolutions and secured firm commitments to achieve net-zero climate pollutants by or before 2030 from the Napa Valley Unified School District, the county of Napa, the Napa Regional Conservation District, and all the cities and towns in the country. Further, through their Fossil Free Futures Project, Napa Schools for Climate Action has convinced each municipality in Napa County to adopt or pledge a ban on new and expanded gas stations. Their climate change advocacy is unparalleled in our community.

Their work to uplift the voices of young people who are concerned about climate change in our community is further evidence why they are deserving of this honor. They have actively advocated for the prioritization of climate restoration at the local, state, and federal levels. Napa Schools for Climate Action was the only student group to support California's SR-34, which recognized that climate change disproportionately impacts young people. They have also drafted a Climate Restoration Resolution for adoption by the Napa Valley Unified School District that declares that climate restoration, along with net zero and net negative emissions, is their common climate goal. They collected signatures, conducted surveys, and presented to various groups to build community support for a Congressional Climate Restoration Resolution. I have previously met with the organization's Co-Presidents, Allison Bencsik and Liliana Karesh, as they lobbied for emergency-scale climate action. Napa Schools for Climate Action have since received support from me and my Napa District Office Staff in their latest efforts.

Mr. Speaker, it is evident that the Napa Schools for Climate Action is an organization dedicated to promoting youth climate leadership and advocacy. Therefore, it is fitting that we honor them here today as Napa County's 2024 Climate Crisis Champion.

HONORING MS. ELIZABETH KEYES

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 a trailblazer and fashion designer, Ms. Elizabeth Keyes. Elizabeth has shown what can be done through hard work, dedication, and a desire to achieve success.

Elizabeth's hard work has led to the launch of her first collection under House of E. Keyes, a women's clothing brand she describes as bold, creative and inspirational. The collection is a collaboration with Shein X, a three-year-old program wherein Shein reaches out to emerging fashion designers, looks at their portfolios, interviews them and sponsors their five-piece collections.

Elizabeth's upbringing in Bolton, MS, is described in three terms: hardworking, hospitality, and faith. She grew up on family land with parents who were both ministers at her home church in Bolton. Elizabeth was homeschooled until high school but that didn't stop her from participating in various extracurricular activities, including dance.

At 12 years old, Elizabeth crouched over her sewing machine, hard at work on putting

together her first-ever piece of custom clothing: an A-line, zebra-print shirt. Elizabeth's mother was blessed enough to hire Sharon Knott, a seamstress who worked at Hancock, to give her private lessons.

At 16 years old, she premiered in her first fashion show that raised money for a local charity for sickle-cell awareness. The collection contained six pieces for kids and teenagers, and her friends modeled her designs.

After graduating from Raymond High School in 2017, she attended Savannah College of Art and Design, majoring in fashion design with a double minor in graphic design and fashion marketing and management. She graduates June 2, 2024.

To celebrate the release of her first collection, Elizabeth held a launch party in her hometown on March 19, 2024, the day after the line's official debut. She has plans to host a fall fashion show of her collection in Mississippi and to establish her mentorship program, Girls in Grace, here as well. The program is her motivator for helping invest in the next generation of young women to help them follow their dreams.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Ms. Elizabeth Keyes for her passion and dedication in the field of fashion design.

HONORING THE 2024 TRUMAN
SCHOLARS

HON. DUSTY JOHNSON

OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 1, 2024

Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 2024 Truman Scholars.

This year, the Foundation received 709 applications from 285 institutions. After a review of the students records of leadership, public service, and academic achievement the independent selection panel selected 60 students from 54 U.S. colleges and universities to receive this honor.

This year's nominees are: Kaylyn Ahn, Daniel Arakawa, Daniel Block, Jackson Boaz, Christian Boudreaux, Allison Boyd, Paul Boyd, Elizabeth Caldwell, Anna Dellit, Grant Dillivan, Juan Dills, Alex Drahos, Jane Drinkwater, Adelaide Easter, Desaree Edwards, Ray Epstein, Gavin Fry, Bitaniya Giday, Eli Glickman, Axel Hawkins, Lezlie Hilario, Aadaure Iwuh, Rincon Jagarlamudi, Elijah Kahlenberg, Alyssa Kemp, Lisa Kopelnik, Aravind Krishnan, Pranav Krishnan, Kayle Lauck, Julie Ann Laxamana, Reese Lyan, Kelsey Monaghan-Bergson, Alexandra Mork, Jackson Morris, Laila Nasher, Yudit Nonthe Sanchez, Tej Patel, Yadira Paz-Martinez, CJ Peterson, Jay Philbrick, Marley Ramon, Thomas Riggs, Camila Rios-Picorelli, Edwin Santos, Diego Sarmiento, Isaac Seiler, Albiona Selimi, Jahneé Smith, Jaiden Stansberry, Sophia Stewart, Anitvir Taunke, Alex Taylor, Wena Teng, Mikayla Tillery, Grace Truslow, Lee Waldman, Ella Weber, Trenton White, Mielad Ziaee, Zane Zupan.

Established in 1975, the Truman Foundation is the Nation's living memorial to the thirty-third president. According to the foundation's website their mission is to recognize aspiring leaders at an important inflection point in their