

During his tenure, the Broncos amassed over 300 wins, one of the highest marks for any one NFL team owner during the same amount of time. But his legacy stretches far beyond the field.

Pat and his family often gave back to the community they loved. Pat was especially passionate about supporting the Boys and Girls Club of America—and since 2003, his generosity helped improve the lives of more than 15,000 teens living in the Denver metro area and around the state.

Madam Speaker, Pat Bowlen lived a remarkable life and he will be missed. From “The Drive” to “Tebow-mania” to the Peyton Manning comeback story, Pat’s impact on the Broncos will likely go unrivaled by anyone else.

In 1998, when the Broncos won their first ever Superbowl, Pat turned to hoist the Lombardi trophy and declared, “This one’s for John.”

It was a simple phrase, but his tribute to the quarterback perfectly captured Pat’s devotion to his team, and how he consistently lifted up his players and his community.

So today, as members of Colorado’s Congressional delegation, we wish to declare that “this one’s for Pat.”

We join with millions of Broncos fans around the country to thank him for the pride he brought to the team, the city of Denver, and our state.

We offer our deepest condolences to the Bowlen family for their loss, and we hope that they find comfort in knowing how many Coloradans are so appreciative for Pat and his life’s work.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF
BELLA HIRIGOYEN

HON. TED LIEU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 21, 2019

Mr. TED LIEU of California. Madam Speaker, Bella Hirigoyen was an immigrant who lived the American dream. Born in Israel to two Holocaust survivors, her family was sponsored by U.S. Steel. Her father, George Weibel, was a part of the design and build teams at Hughes Aircraft Company for the Surveyor spacecraft which hung in the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum for decades. Bella arrived in America at the age of five, learned English, and became very successful in school. She graduated from Fairfax High School in the Los Angeles Unified School District.

Bella and her husband, Richard, worked hard to be able to afford a home in the City of Torrance where they lived together for thirty-three of their almost forty years together. She carved out a career in medical management. Her love and respect for patients endeared them to her, and her colleagues maintained friendships with her long after their work relationships ended.

Bella was a true example of love and devotion. There was nothing more important to her than family. She loved visiting the Central California Coast with the love of her life, Richard, where they could visit wineries or watch the California sunset. She was devoted to helping her children with their pursuits whether

acting as a campaign manager for her son, Jeremy Gerson, or assisting her daughter, Stacey Stewart, start her own business. Bella was always attending sporting and school events for her grandchildren Lucas, Aurora, William and Blake. She even held positions on two different PTA executive boards at the same time. Bella could not spend enough time with family and especially appreciated that her sister, Irene Weibel, would host regular family BBQs so their 94-year-old mother, Martha Weibel, could attend.

Bella passed on June 2, 2019, as she lived, surrounded by her family.

RECOGNIZING REMARKS OF RABBI
DR. ISRAEL ZOBERMAN

HON. ELAINE G. LURIA

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 21, 2019

Mrs. LURIA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to include in the RECORD a statement submitted by Rabbi Dr. Israel Zoberman, founder and spiritual leader of the new Temple Lev Tikvah (Heart of Hope), a Reform Jewish congregation in Virginia Beach.

My heart indeed overflows with hope, gratitude and love as I humbly though proudly announce the blessed birth of the youngest synagogue in Virginia Beach and Hampton Roads. It is housed in a unique ecumenical Christian setting, the only such in the world, making it now an even more exceptional interfaith center. Church Of The Holy Apostles, established in Virginia Beach in 1977, is both an Episcopal and Catholic congregation. Their loving embrace of my new Reform Jewish Temple is ample and inspiring testimony to their genuine ecumenical spirit reaching beyond their own common and diverse Christian traditions. With this golden opportunity we are making and impacting history. Our one God is surely smiling upon us.

They graciously invite their Jewish brethren to tend to our four-thousand-year-old nourishing roots that have blessed the human family, instrumental in birthing the two other great monotheistic world religions of Christianity and Islam. Bishop James Magness of the Episcopal Diocese of Southern Virginia and Bishop Barry Knestout of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Richmond are to be commended for their broad ecumenical vision, spiritual fortitude and shining faith in action. Together we reaffirm a holy bond in face of a complex and trying history. We are committed to overcome troubling past shadows. Having already made major strides forward, we should maintain and build upon those breakthrough accomplishments of monumental change.

We are mutually enabled to cultivate a precious interfaith linkage, appreciating each other’s differences and particularities while celebrating our often overlooked but no less important commonalities, as we collectively admit to our shortcomings, ignorance and biases. This awesome journey of mutual discovery while interfacing under one roof, challenges us all to bring out the best God planted within us. It gains added critical significance against the unsettling backdrop of the global resurgence of consuming dark forces. Anti-Semitism with its recent deadly and shocking manifestation in American synagogues, along with horrific terrorist attacks on Christians, Muslims, Sikhs and others at worship and elsewhere.

I am acutely mindful of my personal sacred responsibility to ever be a builder of

Shalom’s essential bridges of healing, hope and harmony. After all, I am a family member of the Holocaust’s surviving remnant of European Jewry.

Let us count our blessings even as we commit to turning blemishes into blessings and keep from turning blessings into blemishes. We shall together yet repair our blemished planet into a blessed and better home for all of God’s children. The Divine delights in diversity, God’s divinity and human dignity are one and inseparable.

CELEBRATING MUHAMMAD
SIDDEEQ’S BIRTHDAY

HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 21, 2019

Mr. CARSON of Indiana. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor and recognize Imam Muhammad Siddeeq on his 83rd birthday.

Imam Siddeeq has long been a dedicated advocate for social justice, engaging Muslim communities in Indianapolis and across our country in grassroots activism and policy objectives to bring about positive change. Whether serving as the director of the University of Islam, the largest Islamic school in America, or a teacher in our local schools and universities, he has remained a driven and principled individual who is deeply passionate about preparing future leaders.

Imam Siddeeq is a man who speaks his mind and is unafraid to spark difficult but necessary conversations about issues affecting our communities. I have been blessed to call him a friend and mentor for many years, as have many others throughout his life.

Imam Siddeeq is an educator, activist, published author, and spiritual leader. He is also a proud family man, with an equally resolute wife, Sister Fareedah Siddeeq. Together, they have been blessed with fifteen children and many grandchildren.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing Imam Muhammad Siddeeq a happy birthday. His work has informed and inspired countless individuals in our community, and he leaves a legacy of service to be followed for all Americans.

IN RECOGNITION OF GLORIA
EDWARDS FOR HER EXEMPLARY
SERVICE

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 21, 2019

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mother Gloria Edwards for her dedicated work in service of the community of Washtenaw County, Michigan. Her leadership and devotion to faith and community are worthy of commendation.

Mother Gloria Edwards is the President and Founder of The Pastor’s Wives of Washtenaw County. She began her religious education in 1972 at New Hope Baptist Church and graduated with a certificate in Christian Training and Biblical Counseling from the William Tynedale Bible College. In 2009, she started the Ecumenical Prayer Hour ministry in coordination with several local churches in Washtenaw