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To the People of the City of Ormond Beach, Florida:

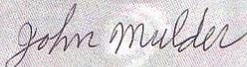
Our warmest congratulations go out to the citizens of your fair city as you commemorate the 100th anniversary of Bob Burman and the Buick team's entry into the Ormond Beach automobile races.

Bob Burman was to automobile racing what Babe Ruth was to baseball. He was born and raised in Imlay City, Michigan, and our citizens share your pride in our hometown racing hero. He did more to make automobile racing a competitive sport than any other driver of his time.

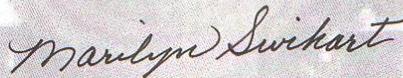
Bob Burman began his career in 1902 when only 18 years old. In 1903 he went to work in the Jackson Automobile Shops at Jackson, Michigan, and had the honor of testing the first Buick ever built. By 1908 there was a Buick racing team, with star drivers, Louis Chevrolet and "Wild Bob" Burman. From 1908 to 1910 the team won 500 racing trophies including major victories at the new Indianapolis Motor Speedway in its inaugural 1909 season. At the time of his death in 1916 he held more world records than any two other drivers.

We thank you for honoring Imlay City's native son and wish you a most successful *Birthplace of Speed Celebration* and Burman's 1909 race at Ormond Beach.

Sincerely,



John Mulder, President



Marilyn Swihart, Secretary

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