

play with the 49ers. Then in March 2019, San Francisco gave him a three-year extension, and now he'll play in the Super Bowl on Sunday.

Madam Speaker, for his tenacity and resiliency, I recognize Mike Person of Glendive for his Spirit of Montana.

ROBERT ERPELDING

HON. PAUL MITCHELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 30, 2020

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Robert Franklin Erpelding, a loving father, husband, and grandfather of Michigan. Bob moved to Detroit as a child and enlisted in the Navy in 1951 during the Korean War. He served as a radarman on the USS *Watts*, a Navy destroyer. Following his service in the armed forces, he worked for over 30 years on computers at the Burroughs Corporation.

After his long and admirable career, he began his next phase of life as a vintner, model plane designer, and craft brew enthusiast.

Bob was an upstanding man who led by example and encouraged his friends and family to appreciate the little things in life. He will be missed dearly by his wife, Marguerite, his two children Laura Cox and Robert Erpelding, as well as his grandchildren and great-granddaughters.

IN RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL
SCHOOL CHOICE WEEK

HON. J. FRENCH HILL

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 30, 2020

Mr. HILL of Arkansas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize School Choice Week.

As a father of two, I am well-versed with the parental drive to give your child the best opportunities possible in life. Each student deserves a rich, challenging curriculum to prepare them for success, and I believe parents have the right to select the best school that will provide them with the best education.

Millions of American students are trapped in schools that do not meet their aptitudes and needs, and as a nation, we face a tragically high dropout rate. In Arkansas, one in every twenty high school students will drop out before graduation, and this statistic mirrors the national rate. School choice most benefits students from low-income families, whose parents cannot buy a new home in a zip code with a better-performing public school.

I support school vouchers and other innovative educational options, such as magnet and charter schools, because they give parents the flexibility to place their child in the school that best meets their educational needs. As lawmakers, we owe families the right to access a high-quality education, unrestricted by zip code or income.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE VICTIMS
OF THE BAKU AND SUMGAIT
POGROMS

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 30, 2020

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 32nd Anniversary of the Sumgait pogrom and the 30th Anniversary of the Baku pogrom.

On February 27, 1988, hundreds of Armenian civilians living in the city of Sumgait in Azerbaijan were indiscriminately killed, raped, maimed, and even burned alive for no reason other than their ethnicity. This senseless violence was instigated by hostile, anti-Armenian rhetoric from Azerbaijani citizens and officials.

Similarly, on January 12, 1990, a seven-day pogrom broke out against the Armenian population in Baku during which Armenians were beaten, murdered, and expelled from the city. Over 90 Armenian civilians were killed, over 700 were injured, and countless others were permanently displaced by the ethnic violence that ensued.

For over three decades, Azerbaijan has taken steps to cover up these crimes against humanity and dismiss the atrocities at Sumgait and Baku. Even more disturbing is that the perpetrators of this event and similar violent attacks have been lauded as national heroes by the Azeri government.

It is critical for the United States government to recognize and denounce violent assaults against any civilians. I continue to stand with the Armenian people in condemning this horrific massacre. Tragically, the Azerbaijani government's approach toward the Armenian people has changed little since the pogroms were initiated. We still hear the same violent rhetoric and witness intimidation tactics aimed at the people of the Republic of Artsakh.

If we do not condemn crimes against humanity and allow them to go unpunished and unrecognized, we only strengthen the resolve of those seeking to perpetrate these crimes in the future. It is especially critical to consider this as we prepare to commemorate the 105th Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide in April.

I will continue to work with my colleagues on the Congressional Armenian Issues Caucus to remember the victims of the pogroms at Sumgait and Baku and condemn all acts of violence against people who are targeted simply because of their existence. I hope my colleagues will join me in rejecting violent rhetoric and intimidation. In doing so, we renew our commitment to achieving a lasting peace and more humane way of living in the Caucasus.

HONORING BUDDY BAKER'S INDUCTION
INTO THE 2020 NASCAR
HALL OF FAME

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 30, 2020

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the legacy of racing legend Buddy Baker upon his induction into the eleventh class of the NASCAR Hall of Fame.

A native of Charlotte, Buddy Baker was a towering figure in the world of NASCAR and in 1980, won the Daytona 500 with an average race speed of 177.602 MPH—a track record that stands today. During his 33-year career, he accumulated 19 premier series wins, back-to-back Coca-Cola 600 titles, and a Southern 500 victory where he lapped the rest of the field.

Buddy Baker retired in 1992 and transitioned to television and radio, where he was a successful commentator for The Nashville Network and CBS and radio co-host on Late Shift and Tradin' Paint for SiriusXM NASCAR Radio. He passed away in 2015 and left behind a legacy of racing excellence and remains one of the sport's fastest drivers.

This year's class was selected by a comprehensive voting panel that included track owners, competitors, members of the media, industry leaders, a nationwide fan vote, and the reigning Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series champion. In total, a group of five was chosen to join the ranks of other NASCAR legends in the Hall of Fame. Buddy Baker is especially deserving of this honor and will now be enshrined forever for his remarkable contributions to racing.

Madam Speaker, please join me today in honoring the legacy of Buddy Baker on his induction into the NASCAR Hall of Fame.

CONGRATULATING MAX FISHER
FOR BEING NAMED
MOORESTOWN, NEW JERSEY'S
CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

HON. ANDY KIM

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 30, 2020

Mr. KIM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate one of my constituents, Max Fisher of Moorestown, New Jersey, for being named as his town's 2020 Citizen of the Year.

Each year, the Citizen of the Year Award is presented by the Moorestown Service Council to a resident who through service activities has significantly contributed to improving the quality of life of the community and their fellow citizens. This year's recipient has not just been contributing to his community in the last year, but has been an institution of service and volunteerism in Moorestown for decades.

Max Fisher moved onto Main Street in Moorestown when he was just four years old, and he and his wife Beth have lived and raised their children here since. Max has been an active member of the First United Methodist Church of Moorestown, organizing and participating in over 25 church mission trips in New Jersey and around the nation, helping to rebuild in communities devastated by Hurricanes Charlie, Katrina and Sandy. He been a mainstay on the Moorestown Ecumenical Neighborhood Development Committee (MEND) for 20+ years, and has been Chairman for the past 12 years. He was an original member of the YMCA's Men's Service Club, and has been a member of the Moorestown Volunteer Fire Department since 1971.

Max has also run the Taylor Rental Center in Moorestown for the last 30 years. His generosity has been legendary around Moorestown: Max was always quick to lend a hand and say "yes" when a service organization needed to borrow some of his equipment