Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Mr. Chairman, I am passionate about the Great Lakes; indeed, it is about the federal government going into the State of Michigan and telling the legislators in Lansing that they do not know what they’re doing. There are some great protections of our Great Lakes, and I trust those Governors, and I trust those Great Lakes state legislators to do the right thing.

I want to say it again, because this is very important, and I’ve heard it 10 times if I’ve heard it once, that somebody is out there trying to build an oil rig in the Great Lakes and that President Bush is leading the charge. This is ridiculous. There is not one State in the Great Lakes Basin that permit offshore drilling. Not one. There is a moratorium on new licenses for directional drilling in the State of Michigan today. So what is the purpose for the Bonior Amendment?

Mr. Chairman, I do not believe that a bureaucrat in Washington, DC, whose only experience with Michigan’s Upper Peninsula is a picture in the National Geographic, is better equipped to protect our shoreline and our Great Lakes. I want the people who live on the Great Lakes to make those decisions. The governor from Ohio talked about HOMES, the acronym by which schoolchildren learn the names of the Great Lakes. HOMES is appropriate because the people who make their homes in the Great Lakes States should be making decisions about the Great Lakes. Why? Because we live there. We see the water. We see the pollution, we fought back and reclaimed Lake Erie. We can again eat the fish that swim in our lakes. Why? Because the people of the Great Lakes States took action. It is nothing that Congress did. That is why this argument should not be taking place on the floor of the United States House, it should be taking place in the legislatures of the Great Lakes States.

Mr. Chairman, I am passionate about the Great Lakes, but we have a true difference of opinion on the proper role of Congress in this debate. For example, look at the issue of water diversion. There is a bill in this House to empower Congress to decide what happens on diversion issues in the Great Lakes. The last I checked, the dry states of the Plains and Southwest could use a bit more extra water; the last I checked, the dry states of the Plains and Southwest could use a bit more extra water; there is a bill in this House to fund the Great Lakes, to help the people of the Great Lakes, and that is the Bonior Amendment.

There is only one thing that can protect us from that: Our state legislators and our government going into the State of Michigan and telling the legislators in Lansing that they do not know what they’re doing. There are some great protections of our Great Lakes, and I trust those Governors, and I trust those Great Lakes state legislators to do the right thing.

I want to commend my colleague from Michigan, Mr. Krueger, for his service, and he deserves our respect and gratitude for his contributions.

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Mr. Chairman, I want to urge this body to reject the Bonior Amendment, to throw out all the rhetoric about how without this amendment there will be polluted water, people rushing to put oil rigs on the Great Lakes, and how oil will start gushing into the waters of Lake Michigan or Superior. This is just absolutely untrue.

What I would encourage the gentleman from Michigan to do is to work with us. We should take a look at studying the quality of those pipes that are pumping those 22,000 barrels an hour under the Great Lakes today. Let us get together and tell Canada, get off the water. Shut down those rigs that are pumping on the water as we speak. We should work together to ensure that those ships bobbing around the Great Lakes carrying 5 million tons of oil are safe and don’t continue to average 20 spills each year.

Does the gentleman want to do something for the Great Lakes? Let us partner with our states and help solve this issue. The federal government should not come in and flex its muscles and tell state legislators that they really don’t know what they are doing.

I used to be an FBI agent, and when I would walk into a local police station and tell them the federal government was here to help, I can tell you I never received a warm welcome. And I can tell you that passing legislation like the Bonior Amendment ensures that Congress will not receive a warm welcome in the State halls of Lansing and other Great Lakes capitals.

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I urge you to act today's strong rejection of the Federal Government encroaching on our natural resource. I would urge this body's rejection of the Federal Government's role of encroaching on our natural resource back home to protect our greatest natural resource. I would urge this body's rejection of the Federal Government's role of encroaching on our natural resource back home to protect our greatest natural resource.

I commend the states of Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Indiana, Minnesota, New York, and Wisconsin.

I applaud all of the Members for getting up on the floor and talking about their passion for protecting one of our greatest natural resources. Well, let us do just that, but let us be a partner with the States.

Talk to our state legislators, talk to our governors. They will be with us. Talk to the people who live there and ask them who do they think it is that best trust to protect our Great Lakes? Is it the people who live there, or is it the people who get up every morning and eat breakfast, go to work, and send their children to school in the shadow of the lakes, or is it a bureaucracy that have never met in the halls of some Washington, D.C. bureaucracy? Or is it a future member of Congress from a dry state like California who stands up, maybe 50 years from now, and argues that it is worth turning green when they come home. I want the lake safe for my kids. I want them to be able to eat the fish in Lake Erie. I mean no disrespect to this Chamber; but, I just came from the State legislature, and I have seen the good things that Congress can do, and I have seen the bad things that Congress can do. I also served with some very bright people in that State legislature. I served with a great Governor who understood that we had to protect our Great Lakes while we have a moratorium on new drilling. I want these people empowered to make a difference for our Great Lakes. I urge my colleagues to stand up for the Great Lakes today. Stand up for the environment of Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Indiana, Minnesota, New York, and Wisconsin. Stand up for these states by rejecting the Federal Government's role of encroaching on our natural resource. I would urge this body's rejection of the Federal Government's role of encroaching on our natural resource.

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EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

The following is a list of this year's winners:

2001 OHIO YOUTH HUNTER EDUCATION CHALLENGE

Top Senior Overall: Bryan Hum, Columbiana Pathfinders, 2112 pts, 2nd place: Tony Utrup, Putnam, 2083 pts, 3rd place: Jeremiah McCoy, Putnam, 2067 pts.

Top Junior Overall: David Tobin, Columbiana Hawkeyes, 1807 pts, 2nd place: Travis Tourjee, Putnam Jr., 1777 pts, 3rd place: Nathan Mullen, Columbiana Hawk-eyes, 1636 pts.


Archery: Senior: 1st place: Bryan Hum, Col., 272 pts, 2nd place: Tony Utrup, Putnam, 269 pts, 3rd place: Jerrod Miller, Col., 244 pts. Junior: 1st place: David Tobin, Col., 270 pts, 2nd place: Nathan Mullen, Col., 255 pts, 2nd place: Travis Tourjee, Putnam, 252 pts, 3rd place: Kyle Westbeld, Putnam, 252 pts.


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Top Teams: Senior: Putnam Senior, 8673 pts.—Josh Heckman, Brandon McCoy, Jeremy McCoy, Putnam, 2nd place: Columbus Pathfinders, 8190 pts.—Chris Dattilo, Jamie Garrod, Bryan Hum, Jerrod Miller, Judson Sanor, Justin Rose, Junior: Columbus Hawkeyes, 7535 pts.—Andy Clutter, Bill McGuire, Samantha Miller, Nathan Mullen, David Tobin, Candle Grubbs, 2nd place: Putnam Juniors, 7907 pts.—Derek Haselman, Megan McCoy, Travis Tourjee, Tiffany Utrup, Kyle Westbeld.

TRIBUTE TO CHARLES “CHICKEN” JEANS

HON. MARION BERRY
OF ARKANSAS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, July 10, 2001

Mr. BERRY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a great Arkansan and an outstanding citizen, and I am proud to recognize Charles “Chicken” Jeans in the Congress for