I urge you to reject this amendment.

I mean no disrespect to this Chamber; but, I have been concerned about the consequences of this legislation. I have seen the Great Lakes can do, and I have seen the bad things that Congress can do. I have 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 those people empowered to make a difference for our Great Lakes.

I urge you to reject this amendment.

I would urge this today's strong rejection of the Federal Government encroaching into the business of the Great Lakes States. 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 all 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 who do they trust to protect our Great Lakes? 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 bureaucrat that have never met in the halls of some Washington, DC 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 the risk to stick a pipe in fresh water to extract oil? The answer is clear, our States are the best guardians of the 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 ability back home to protect our greatest natural resource. I would urge this body's rejection of the Bonior Amendment.

**EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS**

**2001 OHIO YOUTH HUNTER EDUCATION CHALLENGE**

**HON. JAMES A. TRAFICANT, JR. OF OHIO**

**IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**Tuesday, July 10, 2001**

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, today I want to congratulate the extraordinary young people that excelled in the 2001 Ohio Youth Hunter Education Challenge.

This respectful program is a comprehensive youth program of outdoor skills and safety training for young hunters who have completed hunter-safety training at the state- or provincial-level. Developed by the National Rifle Association in 1985, volunteer hunting education instructors provide expertise and hands-on instruction to teach safe methods of take and game. The Challenge offers young people the opportunity to show their knowledge and ability, which was earned through hard work and dedication.

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

**2001 OHIO YOUTH HUNTER EDUCATION CHALLENGE**

**HON. BART GORDON OF TENNESSEE**

**IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**Tuesday, July 10, 2001**

Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the hard work and dedication of the employees of Nissan's Smyrna, Tennessee, plant. Their work ethic has produced the most efficient car and small truck assembly plant in North America.

The Harbour Report, an annual study in productivity that's used as an industry benchmark, has picked the Smyrna plant as the most efficient for seven consecutive years. At a time when the sluggish economy forced most automakers to slow production at their assembly plants, Nissan's Smyrna plant boosted its overall productivity by seven percent. That's a real indication of the how and dedication of the plant's work force.

Since June 16, 1983, when the first automobile rolled off the Smyrna plant's assembly line, Nissan has contributed immensely to the area's quality of life with good-paying jobs and responsive corporate citizenship. Nissan's corporate commitment to diversity within its employee population, supplier base and dealer body, encourages a variety of ideas and opinions that inspire the team behavior that wins these kinds of accolades.

My home is in Rutherford County, Tennessee, where the Smyrna plant is located. I was excited when I heard the news that Nissan was building a new plant in Smyrna. As the plant was being built, I watched its progress knowing that good-paying jobs were coming to Middle Tennessee. Since its completion, I have visited the plant on numerous occasions.

One of my more memorable visits came on the day the 1 millionth vehicle rolled off the assembly line. On that day, a young lady who worked at the Smyrna plant, attended a large crowd that had gathered for the special occasion. She recalled for us the time she and her children were waiting at a traffic light in their car when a Nissan pickup truck pulled up to the same traffic light. She said her children asked if she had built the vehicle. With a wide smile and obvious pride, she told us that she responded to the question with an emphatic, "Yes, I did."

That young woman's story is a perfect example of the pride all Nissan employees have in their workmanship. I congratulate each and every Nissan employee at the Smyrna facility for a job well done.

**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
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his invaluable contributions and service to his community, to our state, and our nation.

“Chicken” has worn many hats during his lifetime: husband, father, grandfather, farmer, car salesman, and county road supervisor—to name just a few. But he will always tell you that he is “nothing but a bird.”

In Lonoke County and around Arkansas, “Chicken” is well known as the man to see if you need anything. “Chicken” came to work for the county on September 24, 1984, and he retired sixteen years later, on September 16, 2000, after serving under three county judges. Judge “Dude” Spence, Judge Don Bevis, and Judge Carol Bevis all valued “Chicken” for his experience and knowledge of the county.

Ask any politician, farmer, or businessman in central Arkansas what they will be doing on the second Thursday in August, and they will say, “I’m going to Coy for the Po’ Boy Supper to see Chicken!” The Po’ Boy Supper has been an annual event for many years. Several hundred people gather to eat barbecue bologna with all the trimmings, and to listen to Chicken laugh and tell tall tales.

On behalf of the Congress, I extend congratulations and best wishes to Charles “Chicken” Jeans, on his successes and achievements. He has made life better for Lonoke County citizens, and richer for all—like me—who are lucky enough to call him a friend.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO KATHERINE E. WHITE

HON. MIKE ROGERS
OF MICHIGAN
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, July 10, 2001

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Katherine E. White of Ann Arbor, Michigan for being named a 2001–2002 White House Fellow by President Bush.

Lyndon Johnson once said “a genuinely free society cannot be a spectator society.” Through her hard work and service, Katherine White has proven to be anything but a spectator.

Mrs. White is an assistant professor of law at Wayne State University where she teaches about intellectual property laws.

In previous experience, Mrs. White was a Fulbright Senior Scholar, a Major in the U.S. Army Judge Advocate General’s Corp, as well as a legal clerk for Judge Randall R. Rader, U.S. Court of Appeals. She currently serves on the National Patent Board and is a member of the University of Michigan’s Board of Regents. She was chosen out of a field of 540 applicants to receive a White House Fellowship.

Therefore Mr. Speaker, I respectfully ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Katherine E. White for appointment as one of the 12 new White House fellows.

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS
FRENCH HERITAGE WEEK IN THE U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS

HON. DONNA M. CHRISTENSEN
OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, July 10, 2001

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of all the people of French descent in my district, the U.S. Virgin Islands, on the occasion of the annual observance of French Heritage Week, an event that revolves around Bastille Day—which commemorates the destruction of the Bastille, the state prison in Paris, France, on July 14, 1789, which brought about one of the most significant movements in world history—the French Revolution.

The destruction of the Bastille, Mr. Speaker, was a significant act of bravery that not only brought on the French Revolution but also became the symbol of democracy and human rights and the founding event for the movement towards liberty and liberal democracy around the world.

Today, I am proud to represent a striving and vibrant community of people of French descent who have inhabited the U.S. Virgin Islands for centuries—contributing their expertise in fishing, farming, the professions and other vocations that have made significant differences in the political, social, cultural and economic progress and growth on the Territory.

Among the many treasures that make the Virgin Islands unique and special is our diversity. In particular, the French community has been a cultural asset through its presence and the many cultural, business and civic activities it promotes. One event put on by the Virgin Islands French Community that comes to mind is the Father’s Day celebration held each year in Frederiksted. Here, the French community recognizing the value in our fathers sponsors a weeklong celebration in their honor. I am especially pleased and privileged to be able to pay homage to our French Community and the Virgin Islands community at-large during the 2001 French Heritage Week celebrations. While it is not generally known, my maternal great grandmother was a Parisian, and so I proudly claim kinship, although my command of the French language is limited.

This U.S. Virgin Islands French Heritage Week is a celebration of our heritage and national pride—two things that are important to the survival of any society. I congratulate Senator Lorraine L. Berry, a ten-term member of the Virgin Islands Legislature, for her continual efforts to enlighten her fellow Virgin Islanders on the rich traditions of French culture and history.

On behalf of my family, staff and myself, I wish to congratulate the members of the French community of the U.S. Virgin Islands for their many contributions to our community and for so generously sharing their history, culture and crafts with each generation of Virgin Islanders.

May God continue to bless our citizens of French descent and may they continue in the rich and strong democratic traditions of their motherland, France. Best wishes for an eventful, fulfilling “French Heritage Week.”

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH
OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, July 10, 2001

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Vache and Jane Soghomonian for being named Honorary Presidents at the 26th Annual Homenetmen Navasartian Games. The announcement was made on May 28 in Los Angeles, CA.

The Soghomonians are long-time supporters and activists within the Armenian community. Vache has been a member of the Homenetmen since age seven. Vache and Jane have both remained active in the physical, moral, and social education of Armenian youth, organizing many events and fundraisers. Vache and Jane Soghomonian are active participants in the Fresno, CA community, and continue to support the Armenian population. They have recently made a generous donation to the Homenetmen Navasartian Games, and will always keep their hearts close to the Armenian community.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to recognize Vache and Jane Soghomonian for their dedication to the local Armenian community. I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring Mr. and Mrs. Soghomonian and wishing them continued success.

TRIBUTE TO WILLIAM JACKSON BEVIS, SR.

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 William Jackson Bevis, Sr. in the Congress for his invaluable contributions and service to his community, to our state, and our nation.

William was born on August 14, 1922, in Pulaski County, Arkansas. He married Mary Jo Barnett in 1942, and they were blessed with three sons, Bill Bevis, Jr., Don R. Bevis, and Bob Bevis. William was President of W.J. Bevis & Sons, Inc. and owner of William J. and Mary Jo Bevis Farms. He attended Peabody School and graduated from Scott High School in 1941. He was elected to Lonoke County Agriculture Conservation and Stabilization Service Commission in 1950 and served off and on for 25 years. He served 20 years on the District Soil and Water Conservation Board and was appointed by then-Gov. Dale Bumpers to chair a study of water diversions from the Arkansas River to the eastern Arkansas Delta. He served on the Lonoke School Board from 1962 and 1972. William was elected to the Federal Land Bank Board and served 15 years, 10 years as chairman. He was President of Farm Credit Services of Central Arkansas for 10 years and was appointed by Farm Credit of St. Louis to a task force for Missouri, Illinois, and Arkansas, to restructure regulations for farm loans and credit in those states.