

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 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 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 best trust to protect our Great Lakes? Is it the people that 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 they 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.

#### 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 respectable 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 training in various 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

Top Senior Overall: Bryan Hum, Columbiana Pathfinders, 2112 pts. 2nd place: Tony Utrup, Putnam Sr., 1984 pts. 3rd place: Jeremy McCoy, 1796 pts.

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

Rifle: Senior: 1st place: Bryan Hum, Col., 260 pts. 2nd place: Brandon McCoy, Putnam, 260 pts. 3rd place: Jerrod Miller, Col., 260 pts.

Junior: 1st place: Megan McCoy, Putnam, 170 pts. 2nd place: Bill McGuire, Columbiana, 160 pts. 3rd place: Derek Haselman, Putnam, 150 pts.

Muzzleloader: Senior: 1st place: Tony Utrup, Putnam, 300 pts. 2nd place: Judson Sanor, Col., 300 pts. 3rd place: Bryan Hum, Col., 275 pts. Junior: 1st place: David Tobin, Col., 275 pts. 2nd place: Travis Tourjee, Putnam, 275 pts. 3rd place: Nathan Mullen, Col., 250 pts.

Shotgun: Senior: 1st place: Bryan Hum, Col., 275 pts. 2nd place: Tony Utrup, Putnam, 250 pts. 3rd place: Josh Heckman, Putnam, 220 pts. Junior: 1st place: David Tobin, Col., 270 pts. 2nd place: Travis Tourjee, Putnam, 250 pts. 3rd place: Bill McGuire, Col., 200 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: Nathan Mullen, Col., 256 pts. 2nd place: Travis Tourjee, Putnam, 252 pts. 3rd place: Kyle Westbeld, Putnam, 252 pts.

Orienteering: Senior: 1st place: Matt McSherry, Fitchville, 275 pts. 2nd place: Bryan Hum, Col., 260 pts. 3rd place: Judson Sanor, Col., 260 pts. Junior: 1st place: David Tobin, Col., 280 pts. 2nd place: Nathan Mullen, Col., 265 pts. 3rd place: Colin Grosse, Fitchville, 230 pts.

Safety Trail: Senior: 1st place: Tyler Finley, 265 pts. 2nd place: Bryan Hum, Col., 260 pts. 3rd place: Jeremy McCoy, Putnam, 260 pts. Junior: 1st place: Kyle Westbeld, Putnam, 255 pts. 2nd place: Tiffany Utrup, Putnam, 251 pts. 3rd place: Andy Clutter, Col., 245 pts.

Exam: Senior: 1st place: Tony Utrup, Putnam, 260 pts. 2nd place: Bryan Hum, Col., 255 pts. 3rd place: Jeremy McCoy, Putnam, 255 pts. Junior: 1st place: David Tobin, Col., 250 pts. 2nd place: Nathan Mullen, Col., 225 pts. 3rd place: Travis Tourjee, Putnam, 225 pts.

Wildlife ID: Senior: 1st place: Jeremy McCoy, Putnam, 300 pts. 2nd place: Tony Utrup, Putnam, 285 pts. 3rd place: Bryan Hum, Col., 260 pts. Junior: 1st place: Kyle Westbeld, Putnam, 265 pts. 2nd place: Travis Tourjee, Putnam, 245 pts. 3rd place: Megan McCoy, 240 pts.

Top Teams: Senior: Putnam Senior, 8673 pts.—Josh Heckman, Brandon McCoy, Jeremy McCoy, Tony Utrup, Trevor Utrup, Justin Winstead. 2nd place: Columbiana Pathfinders, 8190 pts.—Chris Dattilio, Jamie Garrod, Bryan Hum, Jerrod Miller, Judson Sanor, Justin Ross. Junior: Columbiana Hawkeyes, 7535 pts.—Andy Clutter, Bill McGuire, Samantha Miller, Nathan Mullen, David Tobin, Candie Grubbs. 2nd place: Putnam Juniors, 7337 pts.—Derek Haselman, Megan McCoy, Travis Tourjee, Tiffany Utrup, Kyle Westbeld.

#### HONORING THE EFFICIENCY OF NISSAN'S SMYRNA PLANT

**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 know-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 spoke to 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 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.

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 Is-

lands 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 Frenchtown. 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."

HONORING VACHE AND JANE  
SOGHOMONIAN

**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 fund-raisers. 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 dedi-

cation 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 from Scott, Arkansas, and 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 diversion 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 these states. He was appointed by then Gov. David Pryor to the State Board of Corrections for a five-year term. He was appointed by then Gov. Bill Clinton to the Arkansas Agriculture Museum Board in Scott and he, along with Governor Clinton and State Rep. Bill Foster were instrumental in securing funding for this preservation project for the farming community of Scott. "This," as said by William, "is a project that is very dear to me."

William was a life-long member of All Souls Church in Scott. He has served as Sunday School Superintendent, Chairman of the church Board of Directors, and as All Souls Church Trustee until the age of 75.

Sadly, William died last month. He was preceded in death by one son, Judge Don Bevis of Cabot, and he is survived by his wife of 58 years, Mary Jo Bennett Bevis, two sons—Rep. Bill Davis, Jr. and his wife Kay of Scott and Bob Bevis and his wife Liz of Scott—along with numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren and a host of friends.

On behalf of the Congress, I extend sympathies and condolences to the family of William Jackson Bevis, Sr. His name commands respect and honor from all who knew him.