

was an active member of St. Mark A.M.E. Church in Milwaukee for more than 62 years.

Mr. Speaker, Mrs. Frances Brock Starms' passion for education, writing and her church have served the people of the Wisconsin Fourth Congressional District well, and we need only to look at the buildings that bear her name or read her poems to be reminded of her legacy. For these reasons I am honored to pay tribute to Mrs. Frances Brock Starms, who dedicated her life toward educating and improving the lives of children.

Today, I thank her and her family for their immeasurable contributions, mourn her loss and I salute her legacy.

RECOGNIZING MRS. JUDY EVANS
FOR HER SERVICE AND COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTIONS

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 15, 2012

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mrs. Judy Evans, a health care professional, from Crystal Springs, Mississippi. Mrs. Evans has served in the health care profession for more than 25 years in her hometown of Crystal Springs, Mississippi. She uses her current position as a deputy medical examiner investigator to support, encourage, and assist families in need.

Mrs. Evans is the youngest child of Benjamin and Betty Hicks. She is the wife of Arthur Evans Jr. and mother to their two children, Arthur Lee III and Jabreanne. Mrs. Evans has been recognized as First Lady of Crystal Springs for the past six years. She is an active member of New Zion United Methodist church where she serves as youth ministry co-chair and sings in the gospel choir. She is also a member of the Copiah County Animal Rescue League board.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and our colleagues join me in expressing my appreciation to Mrs. Judy Evans of Crystal Springs, Mississippi, for her commitment and servitude to the cause of health care.

HONORING HULET HORNBECK

HON. GEORGE MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 15, 2012

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, it is with great sadness that I rise today with my colleagues Congressman PETE STARK, Congresswoman BARBARA LEE, Congressman JERRY McNERNEY, and Congressman JOHN GARAMENDI to honor our friend, Hulet Hornbeck, who passed away on January 7, 2012. The State of California has lost a tireless leader whose many contributions to the East Bay Regional Park District will be remembered and revered by the residents of Alameda and Contra Costa Counties and by all who knew him.

Hulet relocated to California soon after the end of World War II and began his career at the East Bay Regional Park District. He enjoyed a distinguished career as Chief of Land Acquisition for the East Bay Regional Park

District from 1965 through 1985, serving with legendary leaders William Penn Mott and Richard Trudeau. Hulet is credited with overseeing the acquisition of 49,000 acres of parkland and expanding the District's land holdings from eight parks of 13,000 acres to 46 parks of 62,000 acres. His acquisitions elevated the East Bay Regional Park district to the largest regional urban park district in the nation, a unique distinction it still holds today.

A lifetime conservationist and outdoorsman, Hulet held many positions in local trail and conservation organizations and received countless honors and awards as a result of his work. He provided leadership and advice for organizations, including the California Conservation Council, the American Hiking Society, the National Trails Council, the Martinez Land Trust, the Trails and Greenways Foundation, American Trails, Heritage Trails Fund, Amigos de Anza, the California Recreational Trails Committee, the East Bay Area Trails Council, the American Trails Association, Solano County Farmlands and Open Space Foundation, and the San Francisco Bay Chapter of the Sierra Club.

In 2005, on Hornbeck's 88th birthday, the California Riding and Hiking Trail in the Carquinez Strait Regional Shoreline Park was renamed the Hulet Hornbeck Trail, "in recognition of [his] tireless efforts in parkland development and management on behalf of the East Bay Regional Park District," according to the National Trails Training Partnership.

Hulet was one of the most creative land acquisition agents in the country; on behalf of the public he partnered with private companies, individuals, non-profits, and all levels of government. We owe him and the East Bay Regional Park District a great debt of gratitude for creating the largest urban regional park district in the nation.

Mr. Speaker, we invite our colleagues to join us in offering our condolences to Hulet's family and friends. Hulet will be sorely missed, but his contributions toward environmental conservation and dedication to public access to open spaces will be enjoyed for generations to come. His legacy lives on in the heart of every resident and visitor who seeks solace in the thousands of acres of wild greenbelts that grace the East Bay.

TRIBUTE TO THE LIFE OF SAMUEL
MARTIN, SR.

HON. JOE BACA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 15, 2012

Mr. BACA. Mr. Speaker, I stand here today to pay tribute to a great activist, pioneer, and role model, Samuel Martin, Sr. who passed away on February 3, 2012 at the age of 87.

Samuel was the 2nd of 20 children born in 1924 to Will and Mary Martin in Edwards, Mississippi. Enlisting in the Army in 1944, Samuel served his country honorably as a soldier. After serving his country, Samuel married Willie Mae Martin in 1946. During this time, Samuel worked for the Sante Fe Railroad in Needles, California where he first became involved in the NAACP and veteran's issues. Samuel moved his family to San Bernardino in 1954 due to a job opportunity at Norton Air Force Base.

Because of his childhood and upbringing in Mississippi, Samuel strongly believed that everyone should have an equal opportunity to succeed. In San Bernardino, Samuel continued his activism, fighting for integration in Veterans' Housing and integration in schools. His early retirement allowed him to continue his fight for equality in Southern California. In 1962, Samuel became the first African American to be elected to the Democratic Central Committee.

In 1965, Samuel Martin and Arthur Townsend founded the Precinct Reporter, a newspaper that still serves San Bernardino today. Later, in 1969, Samuel and his wife, Willie started the San Bernardino American News, which is now operated by his daughter, Mary Harris, and his son-in-law, Clifton Harris.

With his experience and expertise in the newspaper business, Samuel also worked with the Black Union at University of California, Riverside to establish the Black Voice News in 1972 and helped the Hispanic community start El Chicano newspaper.

Samuel was preceded by his beloved wife, Willie. Samuel is survived by his four children; Violet Jean Rose, Mary Florene Harris, Samuel, Jr., and Barry Lymond. He leaves with cherished memories a loving family of grandchildren and great-grandchildren. My thoughts and prayers, along with those of my wife, Barbara, and my children, Rialto City Councilman Joe Baca, Jr., Jeremy, Natalie, and Jennifer are with Samuel's family at this time. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to pay tribute to Samuel Martin, Sr.

HONORING THE LIFE OF ARCHIE
SAVAGE, JR.

HON. CHRISTOPHER S. MURPHY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 15, 2012

Mr. MURPHY of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Mr. Archie Savage, Jr. Sadly, Archie passed away last year at the West Haven Veterans Affairs Medical Center.

Archie was born in Memphis in 1930 but called New Britain, Connecticut home since 1980. As a young man just out of high school, Archie served in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict and afterwards continued to serve his country as a counterintelligence agent at the height of the Cold War. Archie found time during his 22 years of service to this country to acquire an education with a Bachelors Degree from the University of Denver in 1966 followed by a Masters in Education in 1971, and a Ph.D. from Denver University in 1976.

As a public servant Archie was truly exceptional. The first African-American operative in the Central Intelligence Agency, Archie's 22-year career with the Agency brought him across Europe and Asia. He served with distinction on the frontlines of the Cold War at a time of great peril to America and her allies. Archie was given the rank of Officier de la Legion d'Honneur, one of the highest civilian awards granted by the French Republic, for his role in foiling an attempt on the life of President de Gaulle of France in the 1960s.

After he retired from government service, Archie dedicated his life to improving his community in New Britain and across Connecticut.

He served as a faculty member at Central Connecticut State University and for the past 15 years was the Director of the Office of Affirmative Action at the UCONN Health Center. Over the course of his life he also served on the Board of Directors for a variety of organizations like United Way, the New Britain Public Library, Catholic Family Services, and the Boys and Girls Club; always seeking to give back to his adopted home in New Britain. A devout man, Archie was a long-time member and past Senior Warden of St. Mark's Episcopal Church in New Britain.

The creation of a more just and inclusive society was the issue that defined Archie's lifetime of community service more than any other. He served as President of the New Britain-Berlin Rotary Club, an organization dedicated to strengthening the community by bringing people together in service to the community. Archie also served as Chairman of the New Britain Commission on Human Rights and sat on the National Board of Directors of YMCA in the U.S.A. While there he took part in the Jerusalem International YMCA Task Force, a program that seeks to bring opposing communities together and build peace in the Holy Land. Only recently did Archie retire from his position on the New Britain YMCA Board of Trustees.

In reflection on the unfortunate loss of a decorated public servant, veteran, and advocate for the communities of New Britain and Connecticut, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing and honoring the life of Archie Savage, Jr. and the work he has done defending this country and working to bring together diverse communities across Connecticut and the world.

RECOGNIZING THE DR. ARMENIA
C. MALLORY COMMUNITY
HEALTH CENTER

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 15, 2012

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Dr. Armenia C. Mallory Community Health Center, Inc. for their years of service to those in need of quality family health care. The Mallory Health Center provides families within the Mississippi communities of Lexington, Tchula, Durant, Vaiden, Canton and Greenwood quality and affordable health care.

The Mallory Health Center evolved from a community health survey conducted by the Rural Organizing and Cultural Center, Inc. in 1991. The survey documented the many health disparities and access barriers that hindered proper growth, development, and maintenance of a healthy citizen.

In April 1993 the Mallory Community Health Center was incorporated in Mississippi as a nonprofit corporation by a group of committed men and women concerned about improving health care services in their community. The Mallory Community Health Center's mission became to assure that all persons regardless of their ability to pay have access to quality, comprehensive, cost-effective primary health care services. Second to that mission was to empower their community to self-sufficiency while improving the health status of the community.

The Center was named in honor of Dr. Armenia C. Mallory for her untiring commitment to make a difference for all people. She devoted more than 50 years of her life to serving the Holmes County, Mississippi community.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues join me in expressing my gratitude and appreciation to the Dr. Armenia C. Mallory Community Health Center.

HONORING VIETNAM VETERAN
PAUL GIBERT

HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 15, 2012

Mr. MORAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and pay tribute to Corporal Paul Gibert for his valiant service as a Marine in the Vietnam War, upon his homecoming from a recent revisit to Vietnam. Mr. Gibert served his country loyally and with great devotion, putting his life at risk on numerous occasions to save wounded fellow Marines.

Corporal Gibert enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1966, at age 19. After completing basic training, escape and evasion courses, and advanced language Vietnamese courses, he was assigned as a recon scout with the 1st Battalion, 9th Marines. His storied unit was known as the "The Walking Dead" because of its record setting casualty rate.

As a recon scout fluent in Vietnamese, he was routinely assigned to go ahead of his unit and participate in extremely dangerous recon work in villages that had not yet been secured. It was not uncommon for him to be given inaccurate information from locals who were actually working for the North Vietnamese, making his job one of the most dangerous jobs in the Marine Corps.

In April 1967, during Operation Buffalo, the 9th Marines suffered a severe setback. Corporal Gibert was called up from a rear area to support a unit that had been so severely attacked they were actually piling the dead and wounded onto tanks to evacuate them. Virtually all of the Marines in the attacked unit were either killed or wounded. Reaching down to help a wounded Marine, Gibert was hit by shrapnel from an exploding artillery shell, piercing his shoulder. He was evacuated and recuperated for six weeks in an Air Force hospital in Cam Rahn Bay, after which he was sent back to his unit.

In September, only a few months later, he was back in the hospital for jungle rot in his leg, which had swollen up to the size of a barrel. With the exception of his recovery time in the hospital, virtually all of his time in Vietnam was spent near the Demilitarized Zone. Corporal Gibert was awarded the Purple Heart for his wounds, and his unit received two Presidential Unit Citations for exceptional valor.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to ask my colleagues to join me in commending Corporal Paul Gibert for his bravery and commitment to his country. I sincerely thank him for his service, and wish him well as he returns from his recent trip back to Vietnam for what I know had to be a deeply emotional experience.

A TRIBUTE TO MISSOURI SUPREME COURT JUDGE GEORGE W. DRAPER, ACCLAIMED JURIST, PROSECUTOR, AND CIVIC LEADER

HON. WM. LACY CLAY

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 15, 2012

Mr. CLAY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a great American—a remarkable trial attorney, prosecutor, circuit and appellate judge, and most recently, the newest member of the Missouri Supreme Court, my dear friend and constituent, the Honorable Judge George W. Draper. Late last year, Missouri Governor Jay Nixon appointed Judge Draper to the Missouri Supreme Court after 17 years on the bench and 10 years in the St. Louis Circuit Attorney's office. He is only the second African American to serve on Missouri's high court. During his 27 years of public service, Judge Draper has demonstrated a dedication to justice and to serving the people of Missouri.

Those decades of experience and his legal acumen will serve him well on the Missouri Supreme Court. While serving on the Missouri Court of Appeals, Judge Draper heard a variety of civil and criminal appeals and authored several hundred opinions. He served as Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals from 2005 to 2006. Prior to his appointment to the appellate court, Judge Draper served first as an associate circuit judge from 1994 to 1998, and then as a circuit judge from 1998 to 2000 in St. Louis County. While serving as a prosecutor with the St. Louis Circuit Attorney's Office from 1984 to 1994, Judge Draper prosecuted numerous major felony cases and worked closely with law enforcement.

A graduate of Howard University School of Law, Judge Draper obtained his undergraduate degree from Morehouse College in Atlanta. Judge Draper has been active in several bar associations, including the Mound City Bar Association and the Missouri Bar Association, and has been supportive of the Missouri Asian Bar Association, as well as being an active member of Covenant Community Church.

Mr. Speaker, I have been blessed to know Judge George W. Draper and his wonderful family for more than three decades. His dedication to the law, to his State, and to the community that I represent is legendary. He is truly worthy of receiving this special congressional recognition.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 100TH
BIRTHDAY OF ELLEN STILLMAN

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 15, 2012

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Mrs. Ellen Stillman, a resident of Hanson, Massachusetts, who celebrates her 100th birthday on February 20th.

Ellen was born in 1912, and began her first job at a Hanson cranberry cooperative, Cranberry Cannery, when she was 15 years old. She fell in love with the work and after graduating from the Chandler School for Women and Boston University with a degree in journalism and advertising, she convinced her father to cultivate a bog of their own. In 1937,