

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

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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,

she borrowed \$15,000 and built a six-acre bog on the Stillman property in Hanson. Her bog paid for itself after only the second harvest.

Ellen continued to pursue her passion, and by the time she retired as vice president in charge of advertising at the Ocean Spray Cranberry Association in 1956, she had built a national reputation for the cranberry industry. Some of her more notable accomplishments include spearheading an advertising campaign to join cranberries and chicken, appearing on radio and TV and making a presentation of cranberries to President Eisenhower and Vice President Nixon at the White House. One year later, she was named the only female member of the 24-person Ocean Spray board of directors.

When not busy with her bogs, Ellen took time out for philanthropy, serving on the women's committee of the Boston Museum of Fine Arts and donating generously to the Boston Symphony Orchestra. She also used her expertise to write a number of cookbooks.

More than 70 years later, Ellen's cranberry bogs continue to be an important part of the Hanson community and economy, and Ellen, herself, remains a pioneer in the industry. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor Ellen Stillman on this joyful occasion and I hope my colleagues will join me in wishing her many more years of happiness and health.

THE MYTH OF CHINA AS A HARMLESS TIGER

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 15, 2012

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, I submit a piece authored by Chinese dissident Yu Jie which ran in yesterday's Washington Post. His words are deeply alarming about the extent of China's reach in the U.S. He rightly laments the lack of "visionary politicians, such as Ronald Reagan, to stand up to this threat." I couldn't agree more.

[From the Washington Post, Feb. 13, 2012]

THE MYTH OF CHINA AS A HARMLESS TIGER
(By Yu Jie)

Chinese dissident writers exiled to the West today get a very different response than Soviet writers received not so long ago.

In 1975, Secretary of State Henry Kissinger advised President Ford not to meet with writer Alexander Solzhenitsyn, warning in a memorandum that doing so would offend the Soviet Union. Now, similar views are held not only by pragmatic politicians but also by multinational corporations with large investments in China as well as universities and foundations with inextricable links to China.

The Chinese communist regime's penetration of the West far exceeds that of the former Soviet Union. In the Cold War era, the Soviet Union was blocked behind the Iron Curtain; there were few links between Soviet and Western economies. An average American family would not be using products "made in the USSR." Today, China is deeply embedded within the globalized system. An American recently wrote an interesting book detailing a year of her refusal to buy products that were "made in China" and the many difficulties she encountered as a result of this decision.

On the surface, the West has profited from its trade with China. Western consumers can

buy vast amounts of cheap Chinese products. However, fundamental values of the West are quietly being eroded: Who knows whether the American flag flying outside your home was manufactured by inmates in Chinese prisons or by child labor?

I arrived in the United States a month ago, thinking I had escaped the reach of Beijing, only to realize that the Chinese government's shadow continues to be omnipresent. Several U.S. universities that I have contacted dare not invite me for a lecture, as they cooperate with China on many projects. If you are a scholar of Chinese studies who has criticized the Communist Party, it would be impossible for you to be involved in research projects with the Chinese-funded Confucius Institute, and you may even be denied a Chinese visa. Conversely, if you praise the Communist Party, not only would you receive ample research funding but you might also be invited to visit China and even received by high-level officials. Western academic freedom has been distorted by invisible hands.

I believe that China is a far greater threat than the former Soviet Union ever was; unfortunately, the West lacks visionary politicians, such as Ronald Reagan, to stand up to this threat. President Obama might perceive the Chinese Communist Party as a tiger that does not bite and, hence, is looking forward to Vice President Xi Jinping's visit this week. Will Obama, a winner of the Nobel Peace Prize, openly request that China release Liu Xiaobo, a Nobel Peace laureate imprisoned by the Communist Party? Why did Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton have the courage to meet with Burma's Aung San Suu Kyi but not to meet with Liu? Is it because Burma is weak, while China is strong?

The Chinese Communist Party remains a tiger that will bite. For working on human rights with Liu Xiaobo, after he was awarded the Nobel Prize, I was tortured by the country's secret police and nearly lost my life. Since then, dozens of lawyers and writers have been subjected to brutal torture; some contracted severe pneumonia after being held in front of fans blowing cold air and then being baked by an electric furnace. The secret police threatened me, saying that they had a list of 200 anticommunist party intellectuals whom they were ready to arrest and bury alive. Over the past year, the number of political prisoners in China has increased, and the jail sentences have become longer—yet Western voices of protest have become weaker.

Harsh internal repression and unrestrained external expansion are two sides of the same coin. The Chinese Communist Party recently vetoed the U.N. Security Council's resolution on Syria because killings not unlike those committed by Damascus continue in Tibet.

More than a century ago, Westerners described China as a "sleeping lion"; today, it is the West that has fallen asleep. As an independent writer and a Christian member of a "house church," I have the responsibility to tell the truth: The Chinese Communist Party is still a man-eating tiger.

RECOGNIZING MS. JUDITH
WINFORD FOR HER SERVICES IN
THE MISSISSIPPI HEALTH CARE
COMMUNITY

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 prominent ca-

reer of Ms. Judith Winford, a notable Program Director of Delta State University's school-based Asthma Management Program. In this role, she is responsible for the oversight of asthma case management services in 14 Delta counties and 31 school districts across the Mississippi Delta. Ms. Winford is also an adjunct instructor in the RN program at Coahoma Community College.

She earned a Bachelor's Degree in Nursing from the University of Tennessee at Memphis and a Master's Degree in Nursing from Regis University in Denver, Colorado. She is currently enrolled in a Post-Master's Program at Delta State University.

During her extended career of over 15 years, Ms. Winford has served in the pediatric critical care unit at Le Bonheur Children's Medical Center in Memphis, Tennessee. She subsequently served as Nurse Epidemiologist with the Memphis and Shelby County Health Department, where she was responsible for surveillance and case investigations for Category 1 Notifiable Disease. Ms. Winford played a pivotal role in helping Memphis and Shelby County health care providers develop emergency response plans for anticipated community disasters.

Ms. Winford has years of clinical expertise in the area of health care risk management. She has served as the risk manager for Memphis Mental Health Institute and Director of Quality and Risk Management at Bolivar Medical Center. In these roles, she has coordinated the Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations survey, functioned as a resource for legal counsel, established benchmarks for quality indicators, developed quality goals and objectives, and created innovative tools for medical record auditing.

Ms. Winford holds a national certification as a Certified Professional in Healthcare Quality. She is also a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing, and the Mississippi Nursing Association. While at the Memphis Mental Health Institute, she received special recognition from the Department of Justice for the development of quality tools for patient compliance. Ms. Winford has presented extensively in Tennessee and Mississippi on a variety of health topics. Most recently, she was a guest speaker at the Alabama-Mississippi Sociological Association, Mississippi School Nurse Association, Mississippi Association of Professionals in Health, and the Recreation and Dance Professional Association.

Ms. Winford is the proud mother of one son, who is a senior at the Mississippi School of Mathematics and Science in Columbus, Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I ask you and our colleagues to join me in recognizing Ms. Judith Winford for her many contributions to healthcare and service to her community.

RECALLING RAUF DENKTASH

HON. DAN BURTON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 15, 2012

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Rauf Denktash: a statesman, lawyer, author, and the leader of the Turkish-Cypriots, who passed away on January 13, 2012 at the age of 88.