

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.

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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.