

PASSING OF NEW YORK TIMES
CORRESPONDENT ANTHONY
SHADID

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 17, 2012

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Anthony Shadid, a New York Times correspondent who died yesterday while reporting from Syria.

As a foreign correspondent for many different papers over the years, Anthony informed our world view, gave us insights no other journalist could, and bore witness to history being made in the Middle East.

We learned of world events from his dispatches from the other side of the globe—from the fall of Sadaam Hussein, to the Arab Spring, and most recently the turmoil rankling Syria and Libya. There were always other stories, but his were the gold standard.

But what I admired most about Anthony Shadid was his persistence, even in the face of mortal peril. He exemplified what a free press should strive to be. During his assignments in the Middle East, Anthony was shot, harassed, hounded, arrested . . . abused. But those acts of violence could not deter him, and he continued to report on the events shaping our world.

Jill Abramson, the Executive Director of the New York Times, put it best—“his empathy for its citizens’ struggles and his deep understanding of their culture and history set his writing apart. He was their poet and their champion.”

Anthony’s intrepid spirit and story-telling ability is irreplaceable, and will live on. My heart goes out to his wife, son and daughter, and parents.

U.S. COAST GUARD PORT SECURITY UNIT 307 HONORED WITH
2011 DOD RESERVE FAMILY
READINESS AWARD

HON. C.W. BILL YOUNG

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 17, 2012

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to salute the men and women of U.S. Coast Guard Port Security Unit 307 who are being honored this morning at the Pentagon with the 2011 Department of Defense Reserve Family Readiness Award.

This award recognizes that the readiness of our military units to deploy anywhere in the world is only as good as the support they receive from and the support they provide to the families they leave behind. Port Security Unit 307, from Clearwater, Florida which I proudly represent, has excelled at taking care of its families. Commissioned in May 1999, Port Security Unit 307 knows the meaning of readiness. They are charged with being ready to deploy anywhere in the world within 96 hours and they are the only Port Security Unit to meet this standard in the international arena.

They also know about deployments as they have been deployed repeatedly to help secure

our domestic ports following 9–11, to support the ports we operate from abroad, and even to provide port security operations for humanitarian operations such as those in Haiti after the devastating earthquake in 2010. In fact, Port Security Unit 307, under the leadership of its commanding officer Commander James Wallace, just returned last month from a six-month deployment to the Middle East in support of Operations New Dawn and Enduring Freedom. There they provided security for port locations around the North Arabian Gulf to ensure the free flow of personnel, equipment and commerce in the region. The unit worked side-by-side with the Navy and its Maritime Expeditionary Squadron Three to provide strategic support in the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility.

It takes months of training and preparation for a unit to ready itself for a deployment of this magnitude. Most important though to Commander Wallace and his unit is the preparation they provide to ready the families for their deployment. Port Security Unit 307 has been a key participant in the Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program. This is a Department of Defense-wide effort to help the members of National Guard and Reserve units and their families to locate resources available to them and their families before, during and after deployments. In addition to these services, the families of Port Security Unit 307 also participated in a mid-deployment Yellow Ribbon event to assist families.

The unit’s leadership stayed in touch with the families throughout the deployment by producing regular newsletters outlining its missions and responsibilities. They also host an annual Family Day and Open House each summer so the families can interact with each other. Commander Wallace says the most important part of that weekend is the opportunity for him and his leaders to say thank you to the families and their friends for the invaluable support they provide their loved ones.

Mr. Speaker, we can never fully repay the men and women who serve our nation in uniform and the families they leave behind as they go into harm’s way. We can, however, salute the units that have excelled at taking care of their loved ones during their deployments and no unit does it better than U.S. Coast Guard Port Security Unit 307. I commend their record of service to my colleagues here in the House and I hope you will join me in saying thank you to each one of them for a job well done.

RINGHAUSEN FAMILY WINS 23RD
ANNUAL ILLINOIS CIDER AND
NATIONAL CIDER CONTEST

HON. TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 17, 2012

Mr. JOHNSON of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Joe Ringhausen Orchard and Apple House of Fieldon, Illinois in winning the 23rd Annual Illinois Cider and National Cider Contests on January 12–13, 2012. Joe and his wife Sina, along with son Dennis and other family members, exemplify excellence in their business and contribute to the

overall economic success of their community. The orchard makes between 500 and 700 gallons per week during peak season. The Ringhausen Orchard is well known for their award-winning ciders. Joe’s experience in cider-making spans forty years.

It should be noted that the judges conducted blind evaluations to eliminate bias and the Ringhausen Orchard beat out other ciders from apple-producing states like Michigan and Washington.

I want to also thank the Illinois State Horticultural Society for sponsoring the event in conjunction with Illinois Specialty Crop, Agritourism and Organic Conference, Illinois Department of Agriculture, and the University of Illinois Extension Service. Each provides an invaluable service to farmers in Illinois for guidance, resources, and a clearinghouse of information.

I want to congratulate the Ringhausen family and join the Illinois House members in wishing them continued success at their orchard.

THE TELEGRAPH.COM

Ringhausen, who has been making cider for approximately 40 years, has won awards before but never the “triple crown” of Illinois cider.

National awards are open to all U.S. producers, and Illinois awards are open to all Illinois producers. “I’m so surprised by this,” he said.

Ringhausen’s son, Dennis, was in Springfield to accept the awards on behalf of the orchard. The Ringhausen cider beat out about 25 other varieties to win the Illinois title and growers from both Washington and Michigan to win the national title.

The orchard entered its signature sweet cider, which is blended from equal amounts of tart apples, such as Jonathans, and sweet apples, like Fujis.

The sweet cider is a mainstay at the Apple House from September until Christmas time, routinely selling out by the first of the year.

“I think we’ll put the trophies and plaques in the market,” said Ringhausen, whose family purchased the extensive orchards in 1929.

Unlike sweet cider, hard cider has an alcoholic content; sugar is added to the sweet cider to initiate fermentation. Joe’s wife, Sina, supervises this process. They don’t have a license to sell the hard cider, so they gift it to family and friends for their personal enjoyment.

The annual Hard Cider Contest, in its 10th year, awards points based on characteristics including clarity, color, bouquet, balance of alcohol, acidity, sweetness, body and flavor, among other criteria. Judges evaluated the entries using a 25-point rating scale for cider quality characteristics, awarding the top scores to Ringhausen’s entries.

The Illinois State Horticultural Society sponsors the event in conjunction with the Illinois Specialty Crops, Agritourism and Organic Conference held in Springfield.

The Illinois Department of Agriculture and the University of Illinois Extension Service also participate. Edwardsville Extension Center Specialist Elizabeth Wahle served as cider contest coordinator. The Illinois State Horticultural Society was formed in 1857 for the purpose of representing fruit tree producers, sharing research findings and promoting the industry to consumers. The Society is one of the oldest continuously operating membership organizations in the state of Illinois.

RECOGNIZING JIM MAXEY—RECIPIENT OF THE E. FLOYD FORBES AWARD

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 17, 2012

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jim Maxey for receiving the E. Floyd Forbes Award, which is the National Meat Association's highest honor. Established in 1946, the National Meat Association has been instrumental to the success of the meat industry by providing a number of services to its members, including one-on-one regulatory assistance and legislative representation.

The National Meat Association's E. Floyd Forbes Award is named after the predecessor organization, the Western States Meat Packers Association. Each year, the E. Floyd Forbes Award is given to an individual of exemplary moral character, who has provided impressive and unrelenting service to the National Meat Association, as well as the meat and poultry industry.

Jim Maxey's advocacy and passion for agricultural issues, specifically the meat and poultry industry has made him a distinguished community and industry leader. A native son of California's agriculturally rich San Joaquin Valley, Jim understands firsthand the value of hard work and has a deep understanding of what it means to build and run a successful business.

Jim grew up on a small family cattle ranch in Fresno, California. It was at this time that he was able to gain an intimate grasp of the inner workings of the meat industry—both the live and processing sides of the business. Upon graduating from California State University, Fresno, Jim became an invaluable part of the family business, and was involved in all aspects, including: beef packing, beef processing, and cattle feeding. His love of agriculture led to a fulfilling career, one where he was able to serve his community and colleagues at the same time.

Jim has served as President and Board Chairman of the National Meat Association. Currently, he is serving as a member of the Cattlemen Beef Board. Jim's breadth of experience gives him a unique combination of intellect an enthusiasm, which has allowed him to serve the National Meat Association admirably.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Jim Maxey for being the recipient of the National Meat Association's E. Floyd Forbes Award. His consistent devotion to providing quality products and exceptional service should be commended. His is truly a source of pride for our community and our nation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DONNA F. EDWARDS

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 17, 2012

Ms. EDWARDS. Mr. Speaker, due to a previously scheduled doctor's appointment, I was absent from votes in the House last Thursday

(February 9th) and missed rollcall votes 47 and 48. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on both rollcall votes—47 (the House Amendment to S. 2038—the STOCK Act) and 48 (motion to Instruct Conferees on H.R. 3630—the Temporary Payroll Tax Cut Continuation Act).

IN HONOR OF ANN PORTER FOR
BLACK HISTORY MONTH

HON. KATHY CASTOR

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 17, 2012

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and accomplishments of Mrs. Ann R. Porter and to acknowledge her contributions to education, social progress, and the Tampa Bay community.

Mrs. Porter, a product of Hillsborough County Public Schools, attended Tampa's Midleton and Blake Senior High Schools and graduated from the University of South Florida. After graduating from USF with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science, Mrs. Porter continued her studies at Nova Southeastern earning a Master of Science in Human Services and a Master's certification in Business and Entrepreneurship.

After returning to Tampa Mrs. Porter began her career as an administrative secretary of the Tampa Urban League. During the War on Poverty years, Mrs. Porter started her career as one of Hillsborough County's first Social Service Planners at the Tampa Economic Opportunity Council, which became the Community Action Agency of Hillsborough County. As a Social Service Planner, Mrs. Porter was responsible for writing federal and state programs favorable to the Tampa Bay community. She was also the first Head Start director under the Board of Hillsborough County Commissioners. On January 1, 2000, after 32 years of holding a variety of positions under the Hillsborough County Administrator's Office, Mrs. Porter retired.

Since retirement Mrs. Porter has kept busy by volunteering throughout Tampa Bay. She served as President of the Tampa Urban League Guild and coordinated its first youth group. Shortly after, she was appointed as a Commissioner of the Tampa Housing Authority by the Mayor of Tampa. However, a majority of Mrs. Porter's volunteer time has been with the NAACP. During Mrs. Porter's time with the NAACP's Tampa branch she served in every official capacity, including the president. After working to merge Hillsborough County's Tampa and Plant City branches, Mrs. Porter became the first president of the NAACP's combined Hillsborough County branch. Proudly, she is a founder of the Hillsborough County Martin Luther King Scholarship Fund and the Robert W. Saunders Library Foundation Board, Inc.

Currently, Mrs. Porter, a mother of four children, one son, three daughters and six grandchildren, serves in several capacities including membership on the City of Tampa's Community Development Corporation, Head Start Community Foundation Board, and the Commission on the Status of Women. Mrs. Porter is also a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority and serves as AKA Connection Chairman in the Gamma Theta Omega Chapter.

Moreover, Mrs. Porter was a member of the Greater New Salem Primitive Baptist Church for more than 60 years and served in various capacities. She is a member of Beulah Baptist Institutional Church where she serves in several capacities including the Chairlady of the Mother's Board Ministry.

Ann Porter is a tremendous role model for our youth and an inspiration to our community. She selflessly devoted her life to others and not only helped numerous individuals, she helped an entire community. That is why I rise today to honor Ann Porter.

IN HONOR OF ALBERT PHILLIPS
REICHERT

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 17, 2012

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart and solemn remembrance that I come to the House Floor today to pay tribute to one of Macon, Georgia's most renowned attorneys and respected community leaders, the late Albert Phillips Reichert. Mr. Reichert passed away on Thursday, February 16, 2012 at the age of 98 years old. A memorial service will be held in his honor at Vineville United Methodist Church at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, February 21, 2012, with Dr. Marcus Tripp and Reverend James Duke officiating.

A Georgia native, Mr. Reichert was born on January 25, 1914, in Columbus, Georgia, the son of Jacob and Ann Phillips Reichert. He graduated from Lanier High School in Macon and enrolled at Emory University in 1932, where he worked various jobs to help pay his way through college. After finishing his undergraduate studies, he attended Duke University and on December 22, 1936, married Elizabeth Walton Bowen from Macon, who was then also a student at Duke. Mr. Reichert received his Master's Degree in Philosophy from Duke in 1937.

Following his marriage and his graduation from Duke University, Mr. Reichert served as an officer in the United States Navy during World War II in the Atlantic and Pacific Theaters. After the war, he worked for the Central of Georgia Railway in Macon while attending Mercer University's Walter F. George School of Law, where he graduated cum laude in 1948.

After graduating from law school, Mr. Reichert embarked on what would be a tenured and highly successfully legal career. He began his professional legal career as an attorney with the firm of Anderson, Anderson & Walker, which later became Anderson, Walker & Reichert.

Over the course of his distinguished legal career, Mr. Reichert received several awards and recognitions for his many notable legal achievements. The General Practice and Trial Section of the State Bar of Georgia awarded him the Tradition of Excellence Award. Mercer University awarded him the Algernon Sidney Sullivan Award and the Outstanding Alumnus Award. It is also worth noting that Mr. Reichert handled many pro bono cases throughout his career and he was listed in Best Lawyers in America.

Mr. Reichert also played a very pro-active role in several community service initiatives