

thank Sylvia for her many years of service and for being a part of what makes the Granite State so special.

CONGRATULATING MYST ON
THEIR GRAND OPENING

HON. DANIEL MEUSER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 21, 2020

Mr. MEUSER. Madam Speaker, it is with great joy that I rise today to congratulate MYST Hibachi/Sushi/Gastropub in Jim Thorpe on their recent grand opening.

Small business owners and entrepreneurs, like Mike Heiser and Josh Crownover, co-owners of MYST, are the lifeblood of our communities. From its pleasant restaurants to charming stores, Jim Thorpe thrives on the innovative small businesses and those who support them. I am confident that MYST will be a fantastic addition to Carbon County's flourishing small business community.

Jim Thorpe is a true gem in Pennsylvania's Ninth District. This quaint town welcomes thousands of visitors each year who come to enjoy its beauty, explore its unique shops and restaurants and appreciate the pristine nature that surrounds it. MYST will continue to build on the distinctive experiences Jim Thorpe offers to residents and tourists alike.

On behalf of the U.S. House of Representatives and the citizens of Pennsylvania's Ninth Congressional District, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating MYST on their grand opening. We wish them the best of luck and success on their new business endeavor.

IN SUPPORT OF H.R. 1494—HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES (HBCUs) HOMELAND SECURITY PARTNERSHIPS ACT

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, as a member of the bipartisan Congressional HBCU Caucus and an original co-sponsor, I rise in support of H.R. 1494, the Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) Homeland Security Partnerships Act, which strengthens partnerships between historically Black colleges and universities and minority-serving institutions, and the Department of Homeland Security.

As a strong proponent of the preservation of our nation's HBCU's and MSI's, I support this bill because our students deserve to receive an outstanding education and have access to equal resources, regardless of the institution they choose to attend.

H.R. 1494 would improve the quality of HBCU's and minority serving institutions by allowing the Department of Homeland Security to promote recruitment, hiring, research and acquisition opportunities.

H.R. 1494 also requires the Department of Homeland Security to send each HBCU and minority-serving institution a comprehensive list of internship, fellowship, scholarship and

recruitment opportunities within the Department for students and graduates of such institutions.

In addition to the implementation of strategies to improve governmental relations with these colleges, universities and institutions, the DHS will submit reports detailing financial awards, descriptions of how the partnerships are enforced, and summaries of outreach efforts to HBCU's and minority-serving institutions.

Madam Speaker, I am proud that one of the greatest HBCUs in the country, Texas Southern University, is located in my congressional district.

Texas Southern University has a rich history with nine academic units, 1,000 dedicated staff members, and over 9,200 esteemed students.

Like most of my HBCU Caucus colleagues, I have worked closely with my local HBCU to provide funding and resources needed to enable them to fulfill their mission of educating the next generation of social engineers and conducting research programs addressing issues of major concern to the African American community.

As Chairwoman of the Homeland Security Subcommittee on Transportation Security and Infrastructure Protection in the 111th Congress, I authored the legislation to establish a Transportation Security Center of Excellence at TSU and worked to help TSU secure \$1.2 million in funding over four years from the Department of Homeland Security for this Center of Excellence.

One of my proudest accomplishments as a member of Congress is my success in working with federal officials in the Clinton Administration to settle the lawsuit against TSU that had been pending for more than 23 years.

I was proud to spearhead the initiative that brought more than \$13 million in financial aid relief for the students and campus of Texas Southern University.

I also worked with TSU administrators to initiate digital archive projects to preserve the records of two of its most distinguished alumni, the legendary Barbara Jordan and Mickey Leland, both of whom preceded me as the Member of Congress for the Eighteenth Congressional District of Texas.

I was pleased to facilitate a partnership between Comcast and TSU's School of Communication to provide scholarships and internships to TSU students and in-kind marketing services to the university.

I helped secure funding needed to establish the Center for Transportation, Training and Research in the TSU College of Science, Engineering, and Technology.

HBCU's have played a critical role in American history.

As the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. stated:

"The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character—that is the goal of true education."

HBCUs do not just educate—HBCUs have and will continue to fill an important role in education opportunity and engagement for millions of young people from diverse backgrounds.

Funds provided by the Science and Technology Directorate grants and cooperative agreements will provide enhancements in areas relating to homeland security such as

cybersecurity, emergency management and counterterrorism.

As leaders of this country, the success and expansion of HBCUs and minority-serving institutions falls on our shoulders and we must act swiftly to ensure that these institutions are protected.

In an effort to maintain the legacy and educational quality of our historically Black colleges and universities and minority-serving institutions, we must act urgently to ensure the proper relationships are established between all of these institutions and the Department of Homeland Security.

I ask all members to join me in voting for H.R. 1494, the Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) Homeland Security Partnerships Act.

HONORING A.E. HOTCHNER

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 21, 2020

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to speak in admiration of the life of A.E. Hotchner, the novelist, bon vivant, friend-of-the-famous and philanthropist who died last Saturday at the age of 102. Mr. Hotchner led a charmed life filled with movie stars, musicians, and literary lions. He was known as a loyal friend and companion, particularly to the likes of Ernest Hemingway and his Connecticut neighbor Paul Newman. With Mr. Newman, he founded Newman's Own, a non-profit brand of salad dressings and sauces created to underwrite charitable causes that has, since 1982, delivered hundreds of millions of dollars to good causes. He and Mr. Newman also founded the Hole in the Wall Gang in 1988 for children with life-threatening illnesses, underwritten in part by a 1991 Lincoln Center benefit gala starring Julia Roberts, Meryl Streep, Philip Seymour Hoffman, Matt Damon, Joanne Woodward and her husband, Mr. Newman. It was Mr. Hotchner's adaptation of one of Hemingway's short stories, "The Boxer," that introduced him to a young Paul Newman, who played the part of the boxer originally intended for James Dean after Dean was killed in a car crash in 1955. A St. Louis native and a graduate of Washington University in St. Louis and its law school, Mr. Hotchner met Hemingway in 1948 as a literary agent for Cosmopolitan magazine, where his job was to persuade famous people to write for the publication. He found Hemingway in Cuba, beginning a friendship of travel and drinking that included Spanish bullfights and hunting in Idaho and only ended with Hemingway's suicide in 1961. The best known of his many works about celebrities was *Papa Hemingway: A Personal Memoir* (1966). He also published a book of their correspondence, *Dear Papa, Dear Hotch* (2005) and two plays about the Nobel Prize winning novelist. Mr. Hotchner also wrote about film stars Clark Gable, Marlene Dietrich, Doris Day, and Sophia Loren; about the heiress Barbara Hutton and the French fashion designer Coco Chanel; and the illustrated history *Everyone Comes to Elaine's*, about the Manhattan nightclub famous for its prominent clientele. Mr. Hotchner was famous in his own right for a series of memoirs, historical novels and plays. His play