

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

Friday, February 21, 2020

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 nightspot famous for its prominent clientele. Mr. Hotchner was famous in his own right for a series of memoirs, historical novels and plays. His play

"The White House" was staged at the White House for President Clinton. His service in the Army Air Forces in World War II was chronicled in *The Day I Fired Alan Ladd* (2002), the third of four autobiographies. A series of essays on aging, written in his 90s, was titled *O.J. in the Morning, G&T at Night*. His last book, a novel about a 12-year-old living in his native St. Louis, came out in 2018, when he was 101. It's a joy to muse upon such a complicated and full life. The world was better for having Mr. Hotchner in it.

HONORING JACK BASKIN

HON. JIMMY PANETTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 21, 2020

Mr. PANETTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Jack Baskin, a prominent engineer, builder, and philanthropist on the central coast of California. Jack will be remembered as a generous and active supporter of his community.

Jack Baskin was born on September 20, 1919, in upstate New York. After graduating from New York University with a degree in aeronautical engineering in 1940, Jack used his engineering expertise to support the domestic military aircraft manufacturing industry through World War II. After the war, he found success building housing developments throughout California and settled on the Central Coast in Santa Cruz in 1970.

Jack remained in Santa Cruz for the next 50 years, establishing deep ties to the Central Coast. Jack is well-known for acts of kindness and generosity to support his community and was named the "Man of the Year" by the Santa Cruz County Chamber of Commerce in 1986. Many local institutions have benefitted from his personal donations, including the Dominican Hospital of Santa Cruz, Monterey Peninsula College, Cabrillo College, and the Seymour Marine Laboratory.

Jack was especially passionate about supporting the University of California, Santa Cruz campus, establishing the funding that was used to build the Baskin School of Engineering and make UCSC a destination to study and develop technical innovations. In 2008, Jack and his wife, Peggy, established the Peggy and Jack Baskin Foundation to provide financial support for educational opportunities for disadvantaged women and other marginalized communities on the Central Coast.

Jack will be remembered for his convivial and generous spirit. We, as a community, celebrate his legacy and life well-lived. Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring the life of Jack Baskin.

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF NORTH AND CENTRAL SAN MATEO COUNTY

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 21, 2020

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the 100th Anniversary of the League of

Women Voters, an organization that was founded to prepare the implementation of the 19th Amendment of the United States Constitution giving women the right to vote. The League of Women Voters of North and Central San Mateo County join more than 700 local and state chapters to celebrate the historic centennial of the 19th Amendment.

When LWV was born on February 14, 1920, six months before the 19th Amendment was ratified, founder Carrie Chapman Catt believed the organization could give millions of women voters a crash course in civic engagement and the American political system. Formed by the suffragists of the National American Women Suffrage Association, the league started out as a political experiment designed to help 20 million women carry out their newly won right to vote.

The right to vote is at the very core of our Republic. Our Founding Fathers wisely enshrined that right of every citizen to make changes in our political system in the first three words of our Constitution: "We The People." Sadly, our Founding Fathers did not include women, and it took another 131 years to get the 19th Amendment ratified.

It was an ugly battle. After it passed the House and Senate, anti-suffrage groups mobilized to continue their pressure campaign in the states. I have two framed documents in my Washington, D.C., office that I like to show visitors to illustrate that tension. One is an original copy of the 1871 petition from suffragist Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton urging Congress to give women the right to vote. The other is a 1917 letter from the National Association Opposed to Woman Suffrage arguing that the 19th Amendment would be an "official endorsement of nagging as a national policy;" that it would "give every radical woman the right to believe that she could get any law she wanted by 'pestering.'"

The same year, 1917, the National Women's Party picketed the White House to pressure President Woodrow Wilson. No one had ever picketed the White House before and the women were met with hostility from angry mobs. They were yelled at, spat on, peppered with rotten eggs and even beaten and sexually assaulted. On November 14, 1917, after being arrested, a group of women were met at the prison by guards with clubs, and 33 women were choked, kicked, and one was stabbed between the eyes. They were fed rotten food and denied medical treatment. When some women went on a hunger strike, they were force fed with tubes through their noses. This "Night of Terror" has been forgotten by most Americans today, but it illustrates the hard-fought battles for women to finally gain the right to vote on August 26th, Women's Equality Day.

To this day the League of Women Voters, of which I am a proud member, continues to register, educate, and mobilize voters reaffirming its commitment to "Making Democracy Work." While its mission hasn't changed, the league is taking advantage of new tools, such as VOTE411.org, a cutting-edge website utilized by millions of voters, to make it even more effective.

Madam Speaker, for a century, the League of Women Voters has empowered voters and defended democracy. It has evolved from a political experiment designed to help 20 million newly-enfranchised women to vote in 1920 to a nonpartisan organization shaping public pol-

icy, molding political leaders, and promoting citizen engagement. May it not take another 100 years until every citizen eligible to vote will cast her or his ballot to protect and be part of our democracy.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 21, 2020

Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker, I was unable to be present during roll call vote number 42. Had I been present, on roll call vote number 42, I would have voted NO.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF OAKWOOD CITY MANAGER STAN BROWN

HON. DOUG COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 21, 2020

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Oakwood City Manager Stan Brown for his service to the people of northeast Georgia. Mr. Brown is retiring on February 28, 2020 after serving the city of Oakwood for 16 years.

Mr. Brown has worked in local government for over 25 years, holding various positions across northeast Georgia, including in the city of Carrollton, Athens-Clarke County, and Jackson County. In 2004, Mr. Brown was appointed as Oakwood City Manager, where he was tasked with maintaining economic development and promoting the interests of the local community. Throughout his tenure, he worked closely with the Greater Hall Chamber of Commerce, the Economic Development Council, the Lake Lanier Convention and Visitors Bureau, and the Hall County Green Alliance to ensure the city is proactive and able to meet the challenges and opportunities of growth while also guaranteeing the best quality of life for its residents.

While Mr. Brown's time spent serving in local government spans over two decades, his commitment to service began long before his tenure as Oakwood City Manager. Mr. Brown attended and graduated from the United States Air Force Academy and served his nation for many years, including overseas in Iraq, Kuwait, and Kyrgyzstan, retiring as a Lieutenant Colonel. Mr. Brown continued his service as a member of my military academy nomination board, where he played an instrumental role in selecting future leaders in the U.S. military.

From his military service to his work in local government, Stan Brown has dedicated his life to serving his fellow citizens, putting his heart and soul into serving our country and our community. I join the people of northeast Georgia in thanking him for his years of commitment to the city of Oakwood, and I wish him all the best in his next chapter of life.