

As proud supporters of Shriners Hospitals for Children, the Daughters of the Nile donates over \$1.7 million annually to Shriners, amounting to more than \$50 million since 1924. Its contributions to the medical care and rehabilitation of children at twenty-two hospital locations, however, spread well beyond its financial support. The members of Daughters of the Nile are also generous with their time and talent, volunteering over 150,000 hours each year. Their efforts include sewing clothing and quilts, providing toys, books, and other educational and recreational items, as well as helping to organize functions and outreach events for the hospital.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am pleased to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Daughters of the Nile and congratulate its members on this important milestone. My wife Vicki joins me in wishing its membership many more years of continued success.

RECOGNIZING DON TUTTLE AS  
CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

**HON. JARED HUFFMAN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 30, 2013*

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Don Tuttle, who is being honored, along with his wife Andrea, as the Humboldt County DCC Citizen of the Year, an award he richly deserved.

Don Tuttle's long career with the Humboldt County Public Works Department's Natural Resources Division and his deep involvement in key resource, energy and historical issues has been a great benefit to Humboldt County and California's North Coast. His expertise and meticulous chronicling of events continues to be an asset on which the community relies.

Don Tuttle's positions as administrator of the Eel-Russian River Commission from 1978 to 1988, and as a member of the Trinity River Task Force Technical Advisory Committee, helped shape the recovery of two essential North Coast rivers. As chairman of the Humboldt Bay Harbor Safety Commission, he was instrumental in developing the Humboldt Bay Deepening Project, which allows the harbor to act as a deep-water port and ensures the safety of all mariners. As a longtime member of the Humboldt County Historical Society, and president of the society from 1989 to 1992, Don Tuttle has painstakingly worked to preserve the county's rich history.

Among the vital efforts in which Don Tuttle was instrumental are helping secure funding from Congress for a bank protection project to shield King Salmon from wave and tidal action; assisting in recapturing water diverted from the Eel River for the benefit of salmon and steelhead; developing a mitigation bank in conjunction with the Fay Slough Wildlife Area north of Eureka; and the creation of a vast data bank of aerial photographs, maps, and documents used by many professionals in Humboldt County.

Mr. Speaker, Don Tuttle's tremendous efforts to preserve and protect the Humboldt County community and its natural resources are worthy of recognition. I urge my colleagues to join me in extending our congratulations for his selection as Citizen of the Year.

WATER RESOURCES REFORM AND  
DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 2013

SPEECH OF

**HON. DANIEL T. KILDEE**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 23, 2013*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 3080) to provide for improvements to the rivers and harbors of the United States, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, and for other purposes:

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Chair, I would first like to commend the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee for working together on this bipartisan legislation. The collaboration between Chairman SCHUSTER, Ranking Member RAHALL and the rest of the committee demonstrates that we can work together to invest in our nation's infrastructure to make the U.S. more competitive and grow the economy. The backlog of unfinished water infrastructure projects and maintenance is hindering economic recovery and hurting small businesses by slowing trade. This bill helps address the backlog by updating critical infrastructure to allow goods to move more efficiently across our nation's waterways, ports and coasts.

However, like most pieces of legislation, this bill is not perfect. Although this bill makes some critical improvements to current law, I continue to be concerned with changes in environmental assessments and public comment periods in the U.S. Army Corps' project approval process. That is why I supported Rep. PETER DEFAZIO's (OR-04) amendment requiring the Army Corps to decrease their backlog of water infrastructure improvements to under \$20 billion before the modified environmental assessment process can go into effect. There are currently over \$40 billion in projects that have been authorized under the current approval process, but they lack sufficient appropriations to actually complete them. While I understand the need to improve the Army Corps' project approval process, it would be helpful to start addressing the lack of appropriated funds for previously authorized projects.

Although Rep. DEFAZIO's amendment failed, I still supported this legislation because it makes many important improvements to the Great Lakes water infrastructure that will improve transportation and trade as well as protect against invasive species. I will continue to fight for policies that help the Army Corps decrease its backlog of construction and maintenance projects and protect our precious natural resources.

RETAIL INVESTOR PROTECTION  
ACT

SPEECH OF

**HON. JOHN D. DINGELL**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 29, 2013*

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, well, here we go again. The House is taking up another bill that seeks to gut the Dodd-Frank Act. H.R. 2374's authors purport that the bill is meant to

protect investors. But its practical effect would be just the opposite. The bill would impose onerous—and unnecessary—new requirements on the Securities and Exchange Commission from imposing a common fiduciary standard on broker-dealers and investment advisers alike. Dodd-Frank directed that the Commission study this matter, and it did. The Commission found it necessary in a 2011 report and stands ready, willing, and able to complete a rulemaking. What's worse is that the bill would also prevent the Department of Labor from moving forward with a fiduciary duty rulemaking for employee benefit plans until after the Commission has acted. In the simplest of terms, the Commission's and Department of Labor's common intention with these rulemakings is to protect investors. H.R. 2374's practical effect would be to prevent both from doing so.

This is another example of not having learned the lessons of the past. Investor abuses in part precipitated the 2008 financial crisis. Passing H.R. 2374 would be a terrible step backward and a validation of the practices that nearly brought this country to its knees. The financial services industry is in no way, shape, or form deserving of this type of deregulation. Vote this bill down, and stand up for the financial security of American investors.

RETAIL INVESTOR PROTECTION  
ACT

SPEECH OF

**HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 29, 2013*

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 2374, the Retail Investor Protection Act. As you may know, this legislation would prohibit the Secretary of Labor from finalizing a regulation related to investment advisors until the SEC issues a final rule on the standard and conduct for brokers and dealers of securities. The SEC, under Dodd-Frank, already has been designated with the duty of providing universal standards of conduct for brokers and dealers that are similarly in place for investment advisors.

Quite frankly, Mr. Speaker, I have been disappointed in the Department of Labor's (DOL) efforts to redefine fiduciary duty for the purposes of ERISA. While I have no doubt that the ERISA law needs to be updated, I believe that the Department has not acted in good faith to put out a pragmatic and acceptable rulemaking. I, along with a bipartisan group of my colleagues, was successful in having the DOL withdraw their original rulemaking pertaining to fiduciary status after we raised both financial security concerns on behalf of average consumers and investors and conflicts of intent with the SEC. Unfortunately, since the Department's withdrawal, it has not been amenable to making practical changes going forward.

Over the course of the past couple of years, I have questioned then-Secretary of Labor Hilda Solis and have met with Employee Benefits Security Administration officials, including Assistant Secretary Phyllis Borzi to get a better handle on the impetus of DOL's efforts. Following those conversations, I can report

that, while the Department's intent is in the right place in regard to this rulemaking, its efforts have ultimately been misplaced. For me, concerns remain for the future of low-balance IRA holders who may be orphaned if the DOL abandons the brokerage model in favor of either "do it yourself" online tools, that are often times confusing to average investors, or an advisory model, that typically is out of the price range of average consumers and requires a high minimum balance for account holders. Further, questions remain over the extent of the coordination between DOL and the SEC. The letters I've seen between the agencies are superficial in nature and certainly do not give the indication that any substantial conversations have occurred on the issue. Finally, DOL has not quelled the fears of advisors and broker-dealers that believe that liability concerns might curb access to basic financial information for consumers if a broad fiduciary definition is adopted.

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 2374 is not an ideal bill and I do have reservations about the precedent this legislation may set in regard to the regular order process for agency rulemakings. However, as I noted above, the Department of Labor has not given me full faith that this process is moving forward in a responsible manner, especially given its shared jurisdiction with the SEC.

Especially in these uncertain economic times, this Congress must be focused on incentivizing responsible investment and augmenting access to financial literacy and education. I do not believe these tests have been met successfully thus far by DOL and because of the potentially stifling affect a shortsighted rule may have on the national economy, I will lend my support to the Retail Investor Protection Act.

#### HONORING PATRICK W. EMERY

#### HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 30, 2013*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Patrick W. Emery, who, along with his law partners at Abbey, Weitzenberg, Warren & Emery, is a recipient of the Sonoma County Bar Association's 2013 Career of Distinction Award. This is the highest honor presented by the Association and it is, indeed, well deserved.

Mr. Emery has been a trial lawyer in Sonoma County for 38 years and is one of the leading plaintiff's attorneys in Northern California specializing in wrongful death, product failures, medical negligence and consumer class action litigation. He has won some of the largest jury verdicts ever awarded in Sonoma County.

For his work, Mr. Emery has consistently been recognized as a Northern California Super Lawyer. Super Lawyers is a rating service that selects outstanding lawyers from more than 70 practice areas who have attained a high degree of peer recognition and professional achievement. The selection process is multi-phased and includes independent research, peer nominations and peer evaluations.

Mr. Emery has served as President of the Sonoma County Bar Association and as a

Judge Pro Tem of the Sonoma County Superior Court.

He is a frequent continuing education lecturer on civil litigation and has taught Trial Practice at Empire College of Law in Santa Rosa and currently teaches in the Trial Advocacy Workshop at Stanford Law School.

Mr. Emery's community involvement includes service as the President of the Sonoma County Fair and the Volunteer Center of Sonoma County as well as the Chair of the Sonoma County Civil Service Commission.

Mr. Speaker, Patrick Emery has been an outstanding attorney in Sonoma County for 38 years. He is respected and held in high esteem by his peers as is reflected in the honor he has received from the Sonoma County Bar Association. It is therefore appropriate that we honor him today.

#### HONORING JANE DAVIS

#### HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 30, 2013*

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of one of my constituents, Jane A. Davis, of Greensburg, Indiana.

Jane was a longtime resident of Greensburg, working in manufacturing at PrintPack for 33 years before her retirement in 1999. On a personal note, my brother Rich and I have very fond memories of summer evenings spent at Jane's house after days playing ball and riding bikes with her son Chad. Their friendships, and the friendship of their entire family, were a very important part of our childhood. Those memories will never be forgotten.

I ask the entire 6th District to keep Jane's children, Kim, Tammy, Lee Ann, Jodi, Brad, and Chad, along with the entire extended Davis family in your thoughts and prayers.

#### HONORING JOHN J. DIPPEL

#### HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 30, 2013*

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to John J. Dippel of Westfield, Indiana. He passed away on September 21, 2013, at the age of 75. John was an outstanding civil servant who served both Westfield and the state of Indiana with integrity.

A graduate of Sacred Heart High School in Indianapolis, now Roncalli High School, John Dippel began his service to our great nation in the United States Army, where he served in the 82nd Airborne Division for two years. After his military service, he began working for Indiana Bell/Ameritech for over thirty years before his retirement in 1994. John then began a second career in advertising promotions before being elected to the Westfield Town Council, later the Westfield City Council, in 2007.

In 2008, Westfield was officially recognized as a city. John was an instrumental part of this significant change for the community he loved. He also assisted with the planning and implementation of Grand Park as a member of the

Financial Committee and the Westfield Sport Commission. This 400-acre sports campus will host athletic competitions, local, regional and national sports tournaments, and community sporting events.

John J. Dippel was a community leader and a patriot. I am proud that exceptional citizens and public servants, such as John, call my district home and am honored to recognize his life's work today. My condolences and well wishes go out to his wife of 52 years, Marcyann; his sons, Nick, Joe and Daniel and daughters, Maura Kautsky and Andrea Doran; 14 grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and his sister, Mary Heisig. My thoughts and prayers are with the family during this difficult time.

#### RECOGNIZING THE 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF NAVAL AIR WEAPONS STATION CHINA LAKE

#### HON. KEVIN MCCARTHY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 30, 2013*

Mr. MCCARTHY of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 70th anniversary of America's premier weapons development center, the Naval Air Weapons Station (NAWS) China Lake, which is located in Ridgecrest, California, which I represent.

China Lake was originally established as the Naval Ordnance Test Station (NOTS) in the Indian Wells Valley of California to serve the needs of the Navy-Caltech wartime rocket program. This location was chosen due to its near-perfect flying weather and incredible visibility. Testing began a month after NOTS was formally established and shortly thereafter the Secretary of the Navy expanded its mission to lead the Navy in research, development, and testing of weapons, a mission China Lake still carries out to this day.

Since being founded during World War II, China Lake has been critical in the development of our nation's defense capabilities in every major conflict, including the war in Iraq and Afghanistan. One of China Lake's notable developments occurred in 1950, when scientists and engineers developed the air-intercept missile (AIM). Known more commonly as the Sidewinder, the AIM has become the world's most recognized air-to-air missile and is one of many weapons that have been developed or tested at China Lake. Other prominent rockets and missiles developed or tested at China Lake include the Mighty Mouse, Zuni, Shrike, Joint Stand-off Weapon (JSOW) and Joint Direct-Attack Munition (JDAM), all of which have given and continue to give our military the capabilities needed to maintain combat superiority over current and future threats.

Spanning over three counties and covering more than 1,100,000 acres, Naval Air Weapons Station China Lake is currently home to several commands and detachments that work together each day in support of our warfighters. These include: the Naval Air Warfare Center Weapons Division (NAWCWD), which serves within the Naval Air Systems command to maintain the highest standards of excellence in weapons development for the Navy; the Air Test and Evaluation Squadron THREE ONE (VX-31) and the Air Test and Evaluation Squadron NINE (VX-9), which provide the essential expertise needed to plan