

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

and execute ground and flight tests, air-to-ground weapons, air-to-air weapons, sensors, electronic warfare systems, and developmental weapons and weapons systems testing; the Marine Aviation Detachment (MAD), which focuses on the development of cutting-edge technologies for weapons systems; the Explosive Ordnance Disposal Detachments, which are forces comprised of highly-trained technicians who specialize in explosives, diving, and parachuting; the Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Southwest China Lake Detachment, which is responsible for the public works, planning, engineering design, construction, real estate, and environmental services of the facilities and real estate at NAWS China Lake. Together, these tenants are made up of the hardworking men and women of the China Lake community, who work each day to maintain a reputation of excellence for the U.S. Navy and the Department of Defense.

For the past 70 years, NAWS has been critical to ensuring our military men and women have the latest cutting-edge technology to protect and defend America when called into harm's way. The weapons and weapons systems developed at China Lake help ensure these brave individuals complete their mission and return safely to their families. I have had the privilege to meet with the amazing individuals at China Lake who are responsible for these incredible innovations in American technology. Their dedication, commitment, and pride in the work they perform are unparalleled. This same commitment is reflected in the Ridgecrest community, where many of the men and women who work at this installation live and raise their families.

Mr. Speaker, NAWS China Lake is a beacon of innovation and excellence in the military community and an important part of my community and my district. I am honored to represent so many individuals, active-duty military and civilians, who go to work each day for the purpose of maintaining and strengthening both the warfighter and this nation's defense. I look forward to another 70 years of amazing achievements, and I ask my colleagues to join me today in wishing the Naval Air Weapons Station China Lake a very happy 70th anniversary.

RECOGNIZING ANDREA 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 Andrea Tuttle, who is being honored, along with her husband Don, as the Humboldt County DCC Citizen of the Year, an award she richly deserves.

Andrea Tuttle's extensive work in forestry and climate issues around the world has made her an expert whose knowledge is invaluable in Humboldt County and around the globe. The expertise she has gained in her considerable academic and administrative experience has guided conservation, forestry and climate projects in California, the Pacific Northwest and in Asia.

Earning undergraduate and Ph. D. degrees at the University of California at Berkeley and

a master's degree at the University of Washington, Andrea Tuttle was also appointed by Gov. Jerry Brown to the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board from 1976 to 1984; worked as staff for Sen. Barry Keene on the state Senate Select Committee on Forest Resources from 1987 to 1991; was appointed by Assembly Speaker Cruz Bustamante to the California Coastal Commission from 1997 to 1999; and was appointed by Gov. Gray Davis as Director of the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection from 1999 through 2004.

Andrea Tuttle is currently an independent consultant on forest and climate policy, the chairwoman of the Pacific Forest Trust and an observer on the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change with a focus on reduced emissions from deforestation and forest degradation. Andrea Tuttle has published in a wide variety of scientific publications on timber management and forest carbon issues, among others. Her years of teaching as an instructor in science and natural resources at Humboldt State University, the College of the Redwoods and at UC Berkeley highlight Andrea Tuttle's desire to share what she has learned for the improvement of the local and global communities.

Mr. Speaker, Andrea Tuttle's dedication to conservation and natural resources at home in Humboldt County and abroad is commendable and worthy of recognition. I urge my colleagues to join me in extending our congratulations for her selection as Citizen of the Year.

IN RECOGNITION OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 30, 2013

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, during which we take actions to address domestic abuse and encourage people to speak up and seek help. It is when everyone can join in the efforts led by the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence to end the violence and keep our communities safe.

Domestic violence is a major issue that affects our society as a whole. Many families live day to day with some form of abuse as their reality. Millions of domestic violence incidents are reported each year, and many more go undocumented. While domestic violence is not gender specific, women are the most common group affected by domestic abuse. One in four women experience domestic violence in their life and in New York State alone, 85 percent of the victims of domestic violence in 2010 were women.

In New York City, the NYPD responded to more than 263,000 domestic violence calls last year. To put that into perspective that would be about 700 reports of domestic violence a day or one every two minutes. I am dedicated to making the community safer for my constituents; recently I co-sponsored the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013, which was signed into law by President Obama on March 7, 2013. The law addresses the major issue of domestic violence and makes huge strides to help put an end to it. Through the renewal of the 1994 legislation,

victims of abuse will have access to resources they need to find help, and law enforcement will be better prepared to respond faster than ever. It is important that we foster an environment where people do not fear to leave an abusive situation.

I commend the outstanding work of our community organizations in addressing this problem: The Harlem Community Justice Center, New York City Family Justice Centers, STEPS to End Family Violence, Sanctuary for Families, The New York Latinas Against Domestic Violence, The New York City Human Resources Administration/ Department of Social Services (24-Hour Hotline: 1-800-621-HOPE), The Center against Domestic Violence of New York (24-Hour Hotline: 1-718-439-1000), The Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence (New York State Hotline: 1-800-942-6906, and Safe Horizon (800)-621-HOPE (4673), have all done incredible work in providing invaluable assistance to the victims of domestic violence and in raising awareness.

If you are a victim of domestic violence please raise your voice and get help. Please do not hesitate to reach out to any of the resources listed above. We as a community support you and we will fight domestic violence together.

COMMENDING THE PUBLIC SERVICE OF BELTON, TX MAYOR JIM COVINGTON

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 30, 2013

Mr. CARTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commend the great public service of Belton, TX Mayor Jim Covington. Jim is dedicated to making Belton's beauty, amenities, and growth his top priority.

Located deep in the heart of Texas, Belton is a unique city with friendly people and a rich history. Founded in 1850, Belton serves as the county seat of Bell County, one of the fastest growing areas in Texas. Belton is located on the famous Chisholm Trail, where millions of cattle were driven from Texas to rail heads in Kansas. Texas' state sport is celebrated daily at Belton's Texas Rodeo Cowboy Hall of Fame.

A Sooner who as a young boy made his way south and took up roots in the Lone Star State, Jim is now a proud Texan. Developing leadership abilities in his youth, he settled in Belton to raise his family and realized he wanted to be a part of making the city a better place.

Jim has been instrumental in infrastructure and park improvements and has kept his eye on managing growth. A proud part of the larger Fort Hood community, he's been involved in troop support for years. Jim stays grounded by balancing his mayoral duties with his work at his wife's real estate firm and by being a devoted father and grandfather.

Jim Covington is an asset to Belton and I'm proud he's Mayor. Under his stewardship, Belton is on the right track.