

Representative Fred Upton initiated a committee and drove through a bipartisan bill (H.R. 3204) that would become the Drug Quality and Security Act of 2013. He did this in one of the most partisan Congresses that we have had in decades. He continues his work in this area, trying to streamline the FDA trials process to accelerate getting medicines to patients in need. Dr. David Ballard has an unbelievable passion and quest for continuous improvement in the quality of health care delivered to patients. His philosophy starts with governance and leadership, and permeates all the lines of business that exist in the delivery of health care to patients. Drug quality and drug security are a third dimension that fits into all stages of his model for health care delivery.

These people were remarkable. There are so many deserving people in the past 150+ years that one book couldn't possibly even list them if we had their names. They are an inspiration to all of us. I hope they inspire others to continue the journey and be the leaders of tomorrow in drug quality and drug security.

ENDNOTES

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