

"family touch" that many older patients sought.

Ms. Gregorius knew there was a better way and she sought to implement a new approach of "assisted living with a heartbeat." While the journey to fulfilling her dream was a long one, involving two decades of saving money—often working double shifts to earn for a down payment—she eventually secured a \$1 million bank loan. The results have been rewarding.

Today, she owns and operates the Country Gables Assisted Living Home in Grand Bay where she and her staff of 14 care for patients in a novel way. As she put it, her care facility "is pretty much run like a big bed-and-breakfast hotel, except it's breakfast, lunch and dinner with a 24-hour continuum of care."

Ms. Gregorius is joined by her mother, Lahoma, and her sister, Ramona, in running their small assisted living facility like a large family home. Their hard work has been rewarded with the satisfaction of their patients and the knowledge that County Gables is a special place.

Fittingly, in March, Robin Gregorius was named as Alabama's Small Business Person of the Year. On May 20, 2012, she officially received her award at a Small Business Administration conference honoring the nation's other Small Business awardees here in Washington, DC.

On behalf of the people of Alabama and my colleagues in the Alabama Delegation, I wish to extend personal congratulations to Ms. Gregorius and her family for not only receiving this wonderful honor, but also for their substantial contributions to the lives of many local seniors.

REPRESENTATIVE KIND FLOOR
AMENDMENT 67 (RULES AMEND-
MENT 143) TO THE NATIONAL DE-
FENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT
(H.R. 4310)

HON. RON KIND

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 1, 2012

Mr. KIND. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the amendment to permit the National Guard and Federal agencies performing homeland defense activities to enter into a military cooperative agreement with facilities capable of providing emergency response training.

Providing our National Guard units and public service employees with increased opportunities to train at the state of the art homeland defense training facilities is just plain common-sense. It's a win for the military and service personnel who will be better prepared to safely work in the field and a win for the local communities, who will see local job creation.

My amendment does not call for any increase in funding. It is simply a legislative fix to allow the training facilities to competitively bid for training contracts with the National Guard and Federal agencies. This will allow for additional, comprehensive training for those who are on the front lines during a domestic emergency.

I encourage my colleagues to support this amendment to ensure that our National Guard and homeland disaster first responders have all of the training and tools necessary to carry out their mission.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. VERN BUCHANAN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 1, 2012

Mr. BUCHANAN. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 302 I was inadvertently recorded as voting "aye."

I oppose the Grimm amendment and my vote should be recorded as "nay."

FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION
REFORM ACT OF 2012

SPEECH OF

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 30, 2012

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak in support of H.R. 5651, the Food and Drug Administration Reform Act of 2012, to reauthorize the Prescription Drug User Fee Act and the Medical Device User Fee Act. These critically important laws have improved patient access to important therapies and expedited the FDA's approval times while upholding the most rigorous standards for patient safety.

The Prescription Drug User Fee Act, PDUFA, was enacted in 1992 when drug review times were lagging and FDA simply couldn't keep up with the flood of new drug applications. Through user fees paid by applicants, PDUFA gave FDA the resources it needed to hire and support more staff. The program has been successful at reducing review-time backlogs and expediting safe and effective therapies to patients.

Along with faster drug approvals, Congress also recognized the need to study drugs in children. As the original author of the Best Pharmaceuticals for Children Act, BPCA, and the Pediatric Research Equity Act, PREA, I'm proud of how successful these programs have been in treating children, resulting in new dosing information, new indications of use, new safety information, and new data on effectiveness. Before BPCA and PREA, the vast majority of drugs (more than 80 percent) used in children were used off-label, without data for their safety and efficacy. Today, that number has been reduced to 50 percent.

We know that children are not just small adults—they have unique medical needs and drugs react differently in their bodies. That's why in this year's reauthorization, it was important for us to look at areas in need of improvement. The bipartisan legislation gives FDA the tools it needs to ensure companies are thinking about pediatric populations as early as possible in the drug development process, and that they're able to enforce timelines that are routinely missed. The language encourages further study into untested age groups, like neonates, and clarifies any confusion over what some see as "loopholes" to allow companies to access the market exclusivity incentive without completing additional studies.

The legislation ensures that companies routinely submit their pediatric plans earlier in the process by establishing a clear timeline and expectations. I will be closely monitoring the regulation that will implement the pediatric

plan content, as it was my intention that the regulation closely mirror the 1998 Pediatric Rule.

I thank my colleagues, Rep. MIKE ROGERS and Rep. EDWARD MARKEY who worked tirelessly with me to improve these programs, and the American Academy of Pediatrics, along with 20 other pediatric advocacy groups who provided expert guidance and recommendations throughout the process. Together we've improved BPCA and PREA to benefit medical care for children for generations to come.

HONORING UNIVERSITY OF ALA-
BAMA GYMNASTICS COACH
SARAH PATTERSON

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 1, 2012

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor University of Alabama gymnastics coach Sarah Patterson who led the Crimson Tide to its sixth national championship this spring. In addition to racking up an impressive record of victories over her 34 seasons in Tuscaloosa, Coach Patterson has helped establish Alabama as a dominate force in college gymnastics.

It is fitting that Coach Patterson was hired by then-Athletic Director Paul "Bear" Bryant, himself no stranger to bringing home national titles to Alabama. Since arriving in Tuscaloosa after graduating from Slippery Rock State College in Pennsylvania, Coach Patterson has proven time and again her ability to lead the Crimson Tide's gymnastics team and maintain its dominance in the college sport.

Coach Patterson vaulted the University to prominence as one of only four teams to capture the NCAA Women's Gymnastics championship since Women's Gymnastics was declared a championship sport in 1982. Her excellence in coaching also helped to earn the Crimson Tide gymnastics team spots in 29 consecutive NCAA championship competitions. Coach Patterson has also led the Tide to 27 years of a top six finish and 20 top three finishes.

Fittingly, Coach Patterson was named NCAA Women's Gymnastics Coach of the Year in 1986, 1988, 1991, and 2002; and Southeastern Conference Women's Gymnastics Coach of the Year in 1985, 1995, 2000 and 2010.

Coach Patterson's distinguished record includes: Six NCAA Women's Gymnastics championships—1988, 1991, 1996, 2002, 2011, and 2012; Seven Southeastern Conference Championships—1988, 1990, 1995, 2000, 2003, 2009, and 2011; 27 NCAA Regional Titles—1983, 1984, 1985, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, and 2012.

Coach Patterson is assisted by her husband, David, who helps with coaching the athletes. Their hard work, along with other volunteer coaches and assistant coaches, have led the Alabama gymnastics team to six national championships and the enviable position of being one of the best in the nation, year in and year out, as well as the many well-rounded athletes who have graduated to go on to great success in many fields.

Inducted in the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame in 2003, Coach Patterson has brought the gymnastics team to the forefront of inter-collegiate athletics and she has kept them in the forefront. In a recent interview with The Huntsville Times, Coach Patterson noted that she felt "fortunate" to be a component of the "history and tradition" at the University of Alabama.

It's safe to say that Coach Patterson has certainly earned her position as a part of the University's proud athletic history.

On behalf of the people of Alabama and my colleagues in the Alabama Delegation, I wish to extend personal congratulations to Coach Sarah Patterson for her remarkable record of achievement at the University of Alabama and for her many contributions to the lives of all who have called her coach.

ART DIRECTORS GUILD 75TH BIRTHDAY

HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 1, 2012

Mr. BERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to honor the Art Directors Guild, IATSE, Local 800, on the occasion of its 75th birthday on June 2nd of this year. Many of the movies and television shows we all enjoy would not exist without the hard work of the ADG and its members.

The Art Directors Guild is a trade union comprised of production designers, art directors, illustrators, storyboard artists, scenic, title and graphic artists, and set designers. Its members represent 2,000 creative crafts people who design motion pictures, television shows and commercials. These dedicated artists bring pleasure to millions across the globe.

In 1924, pioneers of art direction founded a fraternal order called the Cinemagundi Club, which, in 1937, became the Society of Motion Picture Art Directors. That assembly has become the Art Directors Guild we know today, a group that has served the industry proudly for 75 years. We are celebrating the Guild's journey this year, honoring their past and supporting and encouraging the many contributions they will make to the industry in the future.

The ADG also provides many cultural opportunities for members of the community to enjoy. The Guild runs an art gallery in North Hollywood that is open to the public. It provides panels, workshops and training for members as well as others interested in the field to foster a spirit of innovation in the entertainment industry. It also publishes "Perspective," a monthly magazine that covers topics of importance to entertainment industry professionals.

Mr. Speaker and distinguished colleagues, I ask you to join me in recognizing the Art Directors Guild and its members for their years of hard work and dedication to the entertainment industry.

IN MEMORY OF TOM GLANCY

HON. ELTON GALLEGLY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 1, 2012

Mr. GALLEGLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise in memory of Tom Glancy, who passed away earlier this month after more than 12 years of exceptional service to the citizens as an appointed and elected official for the City of Thousand Oaks, California.

After serving 6 years on the city's Planning Commission, Tom was appointed to the Thousand Oaks City Council in 2005. He was elected to a full term in 2008 and served as mayor in 2009. He resigned on May 11 due to declining health.

A dentist who specialized in implants and reconstructive dentistry, Tom treated his time in public office as a second full-time job. He was known to bring Planning Commission and later City Council binders with him on vacations or weekend getaways so he could be prepared when sitting on the dais. He served on 23 separate committees and boards during his time on the council.

Those included turns as vice president, president, and immediate past president of the Association of Water Agencies of Ventura County; chair of the League of California Cities Community Services Policy Committee; and vice-chair and chair of the League of California Cities Transportation, Communication & Public Works Committee.

Tom's service was not limited to appointed and elected office however. After 30 years of active and reserve duty, Tom retired from the U.S. Navy as a captain. He was also an active Rotarian for 25 years and served as president of the Rotary Club of Thousand Oaks from 1992–1993. He served on the board of the Southeast Ventura County YMCA, was general chairman and executive chairman of the Conejo Valley Days Committee, and served as Conejo Valley Days Grand Marshal in 2011.

When not serving his community, Tom and his wife, Karen—who is an artist and served as his dental assistant—enjoyed local and international travel, hiking, fishing, sailing, and spending time with their four children and four grandchildren. Tom was also an accomplished cook and pilot.

His was a life well-lived.

Mr. Speaker, I know my colleagues join me in celebrating the life of Tom Glancy, in remembering his many accomplishments, in thanking him for his many years of service to his country and community, and in offering our condolences to Karen, their children and grandchildren, and all who were touched by Tom's friendship and dedication.

Godspeed, Tom.

CHIU MOON CHAN

HON. GENE GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 1, 2012

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Chiu Moon Chan, a fellow Texan. From a humble beginning, Mr. Chan founded Dynacq International, Inc., providing jobs and quality healthcare for thou-

sands of people. Mr. Chan passed away on May 17th and the Houston Chronicle printed his obituary. In honor of Mr. Chan, I would like to submit the text into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD:

Chiu Moon Chan, died on Thursday, the 17th of May 2012, in Houston, at the age of 59. His life made a lasting impact on his family, on the business community, and on the people who knew him. Mr. Chan will be remembered as extremely intelligent, highly energetic, and totally devoted to his family and to the company which he founded and presided over for two decades. He was a person who visualized and actualized the American dream.

Born in Hong Kong on the 30th of September 1952, Mr. Chan graduated from Wah Yan College in Hong Kong before moving to the United States in 1970 to attend college at the University of Houston. He worked through college, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Pharmacy, and became a registered pharmacist in 1978.

Mr. Chan was widely known as an entrepreneur and innovator in the healthcare field. He had been involved in that industry since 1971. During the period from May 1978 to July 1988 he was employed by various healthcare service organizations in Houston, Texas including Lifemark Corporation and M.D. Anderson Cancer Center.

He started his own home infusion therapy business in 1988. From this humble beginning, he went on in 1992 to found Dynacq International, Inc., now known as Dynacq Healthcare, Inc. Dynacq became a publicly traded company, and achieved national recognition as one of the 200 fastest growing small businesses in the United States from magazines such as Forbes and FSB. Mr. Chan served as President, CEO, and Chairman of the Board of Dynacq for 20 years. During those two decades, his efforts resulted in gainful employment for hundreds of families and quality healthcare for thousands of patients in Houston, Pasadena, and Dallas, Texas, and in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Dynacq's hospital facilities in Houston and Dallas were nationally recognized as centers of healthcare excellence.

Mr. Chan was a member of the Pasadena Chamber of Commerce, a supporter of the Rotary Club and the Neighborhood Centers, and an active member of the Wah Yan Alumni Chapter in Houston. He was an avid golfer and a member of Redstone Country Club and Bay Oaks Country Club. He truly enjoyed life and loved to travel, having traveled with his beloved wife to many places around the world. Mr. Chiu Moon Chan is survived by his wife Ella; sons, Dr. Eric K. Chan, and wife Michelle, and Bert K. Chan; three grandchildren; Kailee, Connor, and Emmy; brothers, sisters, and numerous nieces and nephews.

It is with great respect, I honor Chiu Moon Chan for lasting impact he had on his family and community, and his many wonderful accomplishments upon his death.

TRIBUTE TO BOB HOWELL, LONG- TIME WSFA TV NEWS ANCHOR

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 1, 2012

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the outstanding contributions of one of South Alabama's most distinguished and trusted broadcast journalists, Mr. Bob Howell.