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FORMER FDA EXECUTIVE HONORED BY FOOD AND DRUG OFFICIALS

Ballard Graham served FDA for 32 years

LOUISVILLE, Ky., June 28, 2013 — Ballard H. Graham, who rose to the position of Atlanta district director during his 32 years with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, received the Associate Member Award on June 11, 2013, at the 117th AFDO Annual Educational Conference.

This annual award is based upon long-term active membership in the Association of Food and Drug Officials, active involvement in committee work, development of model codes and demonstrated promotion of the objectives of the association.

One of the high points of Graham's tenure in Atlanta was his consumer protection work in connection with the 1996 Olympics. He developed close working relationships with his state and local counterparts to in an effort to ensure the safety of consumers.

While serving as director of the Investigations Branch for the Philadelphia District, he managed a large import operation group and developed a partnership program with state and local officials to reduce work duplication and improve the sharing of information.

He also has held FDA positions in Detroit; Sioux Falls, S.D.; and Newark, N.J. In Sioux Falls, he managed the removal of Tylenol products from consumer channels after the first Tylenol tampering incident.

He retired from federal service in 2002 and is currently divisional vice president of Compliance Mergers & Acquisitions Oversight for Abbott Laboratories, a health-care company in the Chicago area.

About AFDO

The Association of Food and Drug Officials (AFDO), established in 1896, successfully fosters uniformity in the adoption and enforcement of science-based laws, rules and regulations regarding food, drugs, medical devices, cosmetics and product safety by either drafting regulatory rules or commenting on government proposals. By developing a broad base of support for new approaches, AFDO has become a recognized voice in determining the rules and shape of the regulatory playing field of the future. The consensus that AFDO develops is key to advancing uniform laws, regulations, and guidelines that result in more efficient regulation and less confusion among industry in the marketplace. AFDO develops support for its positions by interfacing with high-level regulatory officials, industry representatives,

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trade associations, and consumer organizations. This effort continues to have a significant impact on regulations at the federal, state and local level. For more information, visit www.afdo.org. Inquiries about AFDO can be directed to AFDO Executive Director Joseph Corby.

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