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NEEDLESS TO SAY, IT IS A SIGNAL HONOR, EVEN A CROWNING
ACHIEVEMENT, FOR THE QUELLO TELECOMMUNICATIONS CENTER TO HAVE
SOMEONE WITH THE STATURE AND LEADERSHIP OF SENATE CHAIRMAN AND
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE, TED STEVENS, AS OUR LUNCHEON SPEAKER.

PARDON ME WHILE I JUST EXUDE “WOW!”

FOR OPENERS, HE IS THE SENIOR REPUBLICAN IN THE SENATE. HE IS
CHAIRMAN OF THE SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE RESPONSIBLE FOR
ANNUALLY ALLOCATING MORE THAN A HALF-TRILLION DOLLARS IN FEDERAL
FUNDS AMONG VARIOUS GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND PROGRAMS.

AS PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE, SENATOR STEVENS PRESIDES OVER THE
SENATE IN ABSENCE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT. THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE IS
ALSO THE THIRD PERSON IN THE LINE OF SUCCESSION FOR THE PRESIDENCY,
FOLLOWING THE VICE PRESIDENT AND SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE. THE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE IS ALSO A KEY MEMBER OF THE PARTY LEADERSHIP
TEAM.

SENATOR STEVENS IS ALSO ONE OF CONGRESS' LEADING OVERSEERS OF
THE NATIONAL DEFENSE AS PATRIOTIC CHAIRMAN OF THE DEFENSE
APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE.

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HIS OTHER DISTINGUISHED ACCOMPLISHMENTS ARE TOO NUMEROUS TO MENTION – ALL WITH A TRADEMARK OF EFFICIENCY, TENACITY AND INTEGRITY.

BUT MOST IMPRESSIVE PERSONALLY TO ME, AND NEVER MODESTLY APPEARING ON HIS SENATE RESUME OR RELEASES, IS THAT HE IS A WORLD WAR II HEROIC VETERAN, A FORMER FLYING TIGER. HE WILL BE MY HONORED GUEST AT MY 100TH BIRTHDAY PART AT THE ARMY NAVY COUNTRY CLUB APRIL 21, 2014 – ONLY ABOUT TEN YEARS AWAY. WE ALSO PLAN TO SALUTE SENATOR STEVENS' LONGTIME CLOSE FRIEND, SENATOR DAN INOUE (MY FORMER CONFIRMING CHAIRMAN).

SENATOR INOUE IS A WORLD WAR II PURPLE HEART HERO OF THE FAMOUS 442ND REGIMENTAL COMBAT TEAM, THE MOST DECORATED U.S. ARMY UNIT FIGHTING THE NAZIS DURING THE ITALIAN CAMPAIGN. OVERALL, CHAIRMAN STEVENS WILL DESERVE HIS LONG OVERDUE ACCOLADES FOR HIS WORLD WAR II FLYING TIGER BEHIND THE LINE HEROICS.

ANYWAY, MY FUTURE LETTERS WILL NO LONGER BE ADDRESSED THE USUAL DEAR CHAIRMAN STEVENS --- WITH HIS PRESTIGIOUS APPEARANCE, TODAY NOW THEY WILL BE ADDRESSED MY *DEAREST CHAIRMAN STEVENS*..

WITHOUT FURTHER ADO, IT IS AN HONOR TO PRESENT A LEGENDARY SENATE LEADER, A STATESMAN AND A WONDERFUL FRIEND, CHAIRMAN TED STEVENS.