

**REMARKS BY COMMISSIONER QUELLO
FOR WILLIAM G. HARRIS' RETIREMENT PARTY
SEPTEMBER 14, 1992**

We are here to honor Bill Harris, an intelligent, quiet, efficient, self-effacing guy -- He is leaving us so no one can say he isn't outgoing!

Bill is taking a forced early retirement -- an early retirement he forced on us! So Bill, with your retirement, ahead of you is a lot of adventure, romance, challenge, passion and a lot of other good reading material you didn't have time to read at the FCC. But here is a positive thought though -- When a great racehorse is no longer working he is retired to stud. Not a bad idea.

I have to say that I did better and lasted longer in my marital relationship than in my personal business relationship. I lasted an unbelievable (to my good friends) 55 years in marriage to Mary but only 34 years in a business relationship with Bill. Of course I can understand it with Ethel, a bundle of positive energy, and also a former valued FCC associate, giving him an active home regimen of boating, swimming, calisthenics -- and this is for openers.

Of course Bill, as always, will be up to any challenge. He is 18 years younger than I am. Of course everyone is younger than I am. But remember I did get reappointed on a platform of an active tennis playing senior citizen (over 60) with delusions of adequacy and 75% of my marbles, a good norm in Washington. As many know, Bill supplied a substantial percentage of my 75%.

When Bill first came in to see me about retiring, I told him stay home for 30 days. Then come back and ask me to put you back to work again and your job will be waiting for you. He said he needed more totally unencumbered time. A few days later I said work only 2 days a week -- The Chairman OK'd a special concession to you. You will be paid proportionately. Come in the day before the FCC meeting for briefing, stay for the meeting and then leave. But Bill wanted complete freedom to enjoy full retirement, his boat, his home, Ethel, etc.

Anyway with my characteristic reticence and graciousness, I choked and then yelled "You SOB, you are going to miss us! It is the best I could come up with because I hated the thought of losing Bill.

Bill, we already miss you and hope you will miss us enough to come back for frequent visits.

We have a few things to present to you in recognizing your years of really distinguished FCC service. However, we will not memorialize your name for posterity like they did mine when I left WJR. Remember they installed a memorial plaque on my office chair which read "Jim Quello slept here." We can't do the same for you because you have not earned that particular kind of recognition.

Here is Chairman Sikes to present you with a distinguished service plaque you have earned that we hope will serve as a perpetual memento of the respect and esteem we all hold for you.

Chairman reads "

Bill, here are a few personal items, etc.

You are one helluva guy. You will always have my friendship and affection. Thanks for all you have done for the FCC and for me and best wishes to you and Ethel for health and happiness in the relaxed but exciting years ahead!

Ahoy!

RETIREMENT PARTY
FOR

William G. Harris



COMMISSIONER QUELLO AND THE CREW

WOULD LIKE TO INVITE YOU
TO JOIN US ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 1992
IN THE FCC MEETING ROOM 856 AT 3:00 PM
TO WISH BILL HARRIS BON VOYAGE AS HE
EMBARKS ON HIS JOURNEY INTO RETIREMENT!

