

**Remarks by Chairman James H. Quello  
At Robert E. Lee's Funeral on April 12, 1993**

**In summary, I want to share with his beloved wife, Rose, and his beloved family and dear friends gathered here today a resolution adopted by the FCC commemorating Chairman Lee's years of distinguished service. The Resolution reads....**

**I want to add how privileged I was to have served with Commissioner and then Chairman Robert E. Lee. He served as my role model. I tried to pattern my own regulatory philosophy and deportment in office after Bob Lee. He was effective, wise, decent, good humored and loyal to his friends, his trust and his Catholic religion. He personified the old saying "I can disagree without being disagreeable."**

**Two former distinguished FCC Chairmen, the late Rosel Hyde and Dean Burch, are up there with open arms to welcome a third great distinguished Chairman, and longtime friend, Bob Lee.**

**As the current FCC interim Chairman, I only hope I can leave the office like Bob -- respected, admired and, more important, loved.**

**It is sad that he is not with us today, but Bob Lee will live forever in our hearts and memories.**



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April 6, 1993

**RESOLUTION OF THE  
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
ON THE DEATH OF FORMER CHAIRMAN ROBERT E. LEE**

**WHEREAS**, the Federal Communications Commission is saddened by the death of former Chairman Robert E. Lee on April 6, 1993;

**WHEREAS**, Robert E. Lee served on the FCC for almost 28 years and was, at the time of his retirement, the longest-serving Commissioner on any federal regulatory agency;

**WHEREAS**, Robert E. Lee was appointed to the Commission in 1953 by President Eisenhower, reappointed by him in 1960, reappointed by President Johnson in 1967 and by President Nixon in 1974;

**WHEREAS**, Robert E. Lee served as Chairman of the Federal Communications Commission from February 5 to May 18, 1981;

**WHEREAS**, Robert E. Lee served with great distinction, was very instrumental in the early development of color television, was a staunch supporter of UHF television, and represented the FCC at many telecommunications meetings and conferences worldwide;

**WHEREAS**, Robert E. Lee served with distinction before joining the FCC as an auditor, as a special agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, as administrative assistant to its Director J. Edgar Hoover, and as Director of Surveys and Investigations for the Appropriations Subcommittee of the House of Representatives;

**WHEREAS**, Robert E. Lee served as consultant with the Washington, D.C., law firm of Fletcher, Heald and Hildreth after leaving the Commission in 1981;

**WHEREAS**, Robert E. Lee was born in Chicago in 1912, attended DePaul University College of Commerce & Law, and was awarded honorary degrees from St. Bonaventure University, St. John's University and Notre Dame University, where he was on the Board of Trustees and the Board of Advisors;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that this expression of the Commission's sorrow and testimonial of former Chairman Robert E. Lee's extraordinary contributions to the Nation be entered on the permanent minutes of the Commission; and that a copy be provided to his family.