

**Remarks by Commissioner James H. Quello
At The Sixth Annual Eugene C. Bowler Dinner
Lifetime Achievement Award Presentation To
United States Senator Ernest F. "Fritz" Hollings
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I am delighted and privileged to be selected to present a Lifetime Achievement award to the junior Senator from South Carolina.

Junior Senator? How do you like that for a paradoxical, almost unbelievable listing for Senator Fritz Hollings -- a most distinguished Senate leader and Committee Chairman who was elected to the U.S. Senate in 1968 and re-elected ^{six} five times?

However, everyone in Congress and most of the United States is junior to senior South Carolina Senator Strom Thurmond. I find little comfort in that I'm probably senior to everyone in government today except Strom Thurmond.

As a fugitive from the actuarial law of averages, I ^{attribute} my longevity "as a living testimonial that only the good die young." Of course, that could never apply to a famous senior Senator like Strom.

At my age, I would really like to know the secret of Senator Strom's longevity They must have a secret fountain of youth in South Carolina -- for another example, just look at Senator Hollings. How many government leaders in their 40s have his vigor, looks and effectiveness?

In fact, when I pass on to the chapter eternal in my life, I want to come back reincarnated as Senator "Fritz" Hollings

I want to be the youngest man in the century to be governor of my home state.

I want to come back having served my country as a decorated Army officer in World War II.

I want people to say I look impressive like "Central Casting" when I run for the Senate or presidency.

DD like to be like Fritz Hollings campaigning for me
conservative
I particularly would like to be reincarnated as a longtime Chairman or ranking Democrat of the influential Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation and also Chairman or ranking member of the powerful Senate Appropriations Subcommittee.

I want to come back as an acknowledged national leader in effecting the complex, landmark historic 1996 Telecommunications Act and as a distinguished legislator who commands the respect of the communications industry and its regulatory agency.

And as a self-serving after thought -- I'd like to be in a position of mercifully assuring the reappointment of a senior ^{conservative} Democratic FCC Commissioner seeking his third reappointment in 1991 who was running on a simple platform of "I have delusions of adequacy and 75% of my marbles -- a good norm in Washington."

This is all what I would like to emulate in my fantasy world reincarnation -
- but now back to reality -- and tonight it is a very pleasant reality indeed -- It is a distinct honor to present a real down-to-earth communications leader, soldier, statesman, my personal benefactor through four confirmation processes and a ^{great} true Southern gentleman -- Senator Ernest F. "Fritz" Holings, with PCIA's Eugene C. Bowler Lifetime Achievement Award.

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