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FCC Commissioner Chairman Jim Quello
Selected Acknowledgments

In his own words: "I'm grateful that my last reappointment platform of "75% of my marbles – a good norm in Washington, and delusions of adequacy have received such widespread acceptance".

QUOTES:

President Bill Clinton: "as your term as acting chairman of the Federal communications commissions comes to an end, I thank you and praise you for a job well done. You have showed the skill, wisdom and tenacity that has distinguished you throughout your long and illustrious career."

Former President George Bush: (on being personally thanked for Commissioner Quello's reappointment to a five year FCC term at age 77) "Jim, we are lucky to have you. We were delighted to learn you were willing to serve again."

Former president Gerald Ford: "since your first Senate confirmation process, I have taken personal note, time and time again, of your leadership at the commission and your constant strong stands for that which is right. You were and are a truly great American."

John Dingell, former chairman, now ranking democrat on the House Committee on Energy and Commerce: "You have served with rare distinction as chairman of the Federal Communications Committee and have by your leadership, vigor, vision, decency, hard work and expertise left a record which will be hard for any Chairman to equal. As you know I view your work at the Commission over time, and especially during the period in which you served as Chairman, to be one of great distinction. I wish to express to you my congratulations, pride and pleasure at the job you have done and good wishes for continued success in public service."

Vice President Al Gore: "Congratulations, Jim. You embody the ideals of public service in the finest traditions of that phrase."

Former Chairman, CEO, Capital Cities and ABC, Tom Murphy: "We are better off for having shared life with Jim Quello. Congratulations, Jim, on a great career, a great life and a great legacy to a business we all love."

Chairman Senate Appropriations committee, Ted Stevens: "Jim has been a longtime respected friend and outstanding FCC Commissioner and Chairman. I'm delighted to be here to personally congratulate him on years of distinguished service and to wish him many more happy birthdays."

Former Column Headline Electronic Media: Editorial: "Jim Quello has been a superb FCC chairman."

Ron Aldridge the publisher and Editorial Director Electronic Media. "I'm delighted to see that they New York Times, John Dingell and Dick Wiley have followed Electronic Media in recognizing and acknowledging your outstanding performance as Chairman of the Federal communications commission. Rest assured that all accolades are well deserved and long overdue. I'm still waiting for President Clinton to add his voice to all those heaping praise on you."

Editorial Broadcasting - Cable Magazine: "Jim Quello's tenure as Chairman is far from over and we don't wait to be premature in welcoming him back to the commissioner ranks. But the urge is irresistible to note once again the sterling performance he has turned in at the top and commend to his heir presumptive the same spirit that distinguished the Quello chairmanship. It has been years since the eight floor and staff pulled together so harmoniously, any in so doing produced such an effective agenda."

Dr. Robert Schuller, The Crystal Cathedral: "Warmest congratulations on being appointed interim chairman of the FCC by President Clinton. That's wonderful. What pleasure it gives me to add my very best wishes to those many others for every success in all your endeavors: Given with admiration and esteem - Robert Schuller"

Ward Quaal, President the Word Quaal Company: "Over more than two decades of your illustrious FCC service, you have earned the respect, admiration and the gratitude from the gents like Frank Stanton to the newcomers of this exciting communications profession. None of us will ever forget that in the 63 year history of the Federal communications commission no one has come close to the boy from Laurium, Michigan in demonstrating innate intelligence, a special quality of leadership and a mountain of integrity."

Don West, former Managing Editor, Broadcasting-Cable Magazine, and now publisher/ editor of Digital Magazine: "Jim, you are a wonder, as a menshe and a force. The sum total of all your awards doesn't begin to capture what you've meant to this industry and Washington. There should be an award named after you, if there isn't already, but we'd never find anyone who could match the man it was meant to honor."

Brian Roberts, President of Comcast: "I know that you like to joke about all the "pre-posthumous" awards and accolades that you've received over the years. I can't resist the opportunity to add one more. During the years that my father and I have had the pleasure to know you in you official capacity, you always met us with an open mind and a serious understanding of our issues and concerns. Time and time again - right down to the waning hours of your term you showed the leadership that was essential to ensure that our company

and our industry could grow, invest and contribute to society by deploying new technologies and services, creating jobs, and promoting the public interest. As you move on to the next great adventure in your life, Ralph and I will miss our frequent visits, your good cheer and sage counsel. Thank you for your visionary leadership - it will be missed. We both look forward to seeing you again soon."

In addition: personal congratulations and salutes at the Quello 23rd anniversary dinner with 1,200 attending from NBC's Bob Wright; new Corp's Rupert Murdoch's Commerce Committee chairmen Tom Bliley and Billy Tauzin; Chairman Ted Stevens; Senators John Breaux, Conrad Burns, Jay Rockefeller, Larry Pressler, MPAA's Jack Valenti, NAB's Eddit Fritts; Justice Antonin Scalia; FCC Chairman Reed Hundt and all FCC Commissioners; Former chairman Richard Wiley.

Richard Wiley, former FCC Chairman and now Managing Partner - Wiley, Rein and Fielding. "Just a note to congratulate you on the New York Times article on your tenure as chairman. It was a great article but also an accurate one; you have done an absolutely superb job from the standpoint of instilling vision, leadership, cohesion and very effective action at the Commission."

Jack Valenti, Chairman, CEO MPAA - "I want no more time to fleet by without telling you how sad I am that you are going to depart the FCC. A man as vigorous, both physically and intellectually, as you ought to keep on where you are sorely needed. Folks who know our business are admirers of you and your achievements. As your old and legal friend I salute you."

Senator Dan Inouye, then confirming Senate Chairman at the fourth (last) confirmation hearing: "It is apparent in this committee the extent to which you have gained a fabulous reputation as being a great commissioner and it is my pleasure to call upon you Mr. Quello."

Senator Charles Robb at last confirmation hearing: "I am delighted to be able to join my colleague, Senator Don Riegle, on behalf of the renomination of Mr. Quello. He has been a superb Commissioner. Virginia has the good fortune of inheriting Mr. Quello and it is one of those rare situations where both his native State of Michigan, continue to support him and admire his good work and his adopted state where he has lived now for some 18 years, has a similar high regard for him. So I am very very pleased to join you Senator Riegle in recommending the continued service of this exceptionally well-qualified individual as some one who continues to bring distinction not to one but to two states, a very distinguished record."

Jack Fields, Chairman Home communications subcommittee: In the official congressional record July 31, 1966: "Mr. Speaker once again, Federal Communications Commissioner Jim Quello has injected a healthy dose of common sense and sound judgment to a Federal agency badly in need of both. In the Wall Street Journal op-ed piece yesterday, Commissioner Quello argued eloquently for flexibility for guidelines implementing the Children's TV Act."

Dennis Patrick, former FCC chairman and current president Dennis Patrick Co: "Year after year, the voice of reason – near perfect instincts on politics and policy. Only member of the FCC all-time Hall of Fame."

Henry Rivera, former FCC commissioner, now prominent communications attorney: "Commissioner Quello is one of those unusual people possessed of an endless supply of both common sense and consideration for other people; it is an admirable combination that is the essence of great men."

Former chairman Reed E. Hundt, speech before Federal Bar Associations – April 30, 1997: "Jim Quello has been a forceful, effective and always gregarious advocate for many different ideas and policies of vast importance to our country. I met and contested with some of the best litigators in our country in my 20 years of private practice. Few, if any, have Jim's ability to hone an argument down to its essentials and to express pungently and persuasively a clear opinion. On more than a few occasions I have felt the sting and admired the force and wit of Jim's advocacy. Private friendship and public debate has characterized much of our interchange, and I honor Jim for having taught me a great deal about substance and style."

Current Chairman, Bill Kennard in January 1999, and Commissioner Michael Powell In March, 1999 each accompanied former Commissioner, now distinguished MSV lecturer, Jim Quello, to Michigan State University to lecture the communication and law students. Other FCC commissioners have also graciously volunteered.

Many more laudatory statements contained in a FCC record of 42 distinguished service, lifetime achievement awards and laudatory government resolutions.

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