

a carnival to raise money to purchase the land for the hospital.

The Antelope Valley Hospital, since its inception, has provided state-of-the-art health care service to the people of the Antelope Valley. Their modern facilities include the valley's first mental health and coronary care units, the area's only neonatal intensive care nursery, along with many outreach programs designed to meet the needs of this fast growing area. If it wasn't for services such as these, many individuals in the Antelope Valley would not have received the high quality health care they so deserve.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me, along with my colleagues in the House of Representatives, in recognizing Antelope Valley Hospital's 40th anniversary, and commend the hospital in providing four decades of quality health care service to the residents of the Antelope Valley.

SALUTING JIM QUELLO, "DEAN OF THE FCC"

HON. JACK FIELDS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 12, 1995

Mr. FIELDS of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment today to salute a dedicated public servant who has given generously of his time and talents to the Federal Communications Commission for the past 21 years: FCC Commissioner James H. Quello.

Before and since I became chairman of the House Telecommunications and Finance Subcommittee, I have enjoyed working with Commissioner Quello, and I have benefited greatly from his unparalleled knowledge of communications issues. It's accurate to say that no one has played a greater role for a longer period of time in our country's and the world's communications revolution than has Jim Quello.

While Jim has impressed me in many ways, I have been particularly impressed with Jim's efforts to reduce regulation, and foster competition, in the telecommunications industry whenever possible. Likewise, I have come to appreciate his principled and consistent defense of the First Amendment at the FCC. Press freedom has no more vigorous ally in the federal government than Jim Quello, and all Americans can take comfort in that fact.

Perhaps the reason that Jim understands broadcasting issues so well is that prior to joining the FCC, he served as vice president and general manager of WJR in Detroit. As a broadcaster, he was recognized for his leading roles in a number of civic and community service projects.

And perhaps the reason that Jim is so universally respected is the fairness and common sense he brings to every issue that comes before him. Jim is a Democrat. But he has been

appointed to the FCC four times by Republican presidents and, has been confirmed by the United States Senate on four separate occasions, winning the support of overwhelming and bipartisan majorities.

While serving as station manager at WJR, he served as a member of the Detroit Housing and Urban Renewal Commission for 21 years, having been appointed and reappointed by four different mayors. Similarly, he served for 22 years as a trustee of the Michigan Veterans Trust Fund, having been appointed and reappointed by both Democratic and Republican governors.

Jim has always believed in service to others, and to his country. As a young man, he served in the Army during World War II, spending 33 months overseas in Africa, Italy, France and Germany. During his Army service, he survived six amphibious landings and rose in rank from lieutenant to lieutenant colonel.

A list of awards and honors that have been bestowed upon him would fill many, many pages of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, Mr. Speaker. I do want to point out, however, that this list of awards includes the National Association of Broadcasters' highest award, the "Distinguished Service Award;" the Radio and Television News Directors Foundation's "First Amendment Award;" the National Religious Broadcasters Association's "Chairman's Award;" the National Association of Broadcasters' "Award of Honor;" the Community Broadcasters Association's "Lifetime Achievement Award;" and the National Cable Television Association's first "Distinguished Public Service Award."

Those of us who know Jim Quello and who have the privilege of working with him deeply appreciate his hard work at the FCC. His long and distinguished record of service at the FCC—not to mention his awesome tennis prowess—inspire all of us who are interested in the telecommunications industry. For my part, I simply wanted him to know how grateful I am for his public service, for his assistance, his advice and his friendship. I wish him, and his wife of 58 years, Mary, the very best in the years ahead.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

HONORING ROBERT WASKIEWICZ

HON. STEVE GUNDERSON

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 12, 1995

Mr. GUNDERSON. Mr. Speaker, on this day we honor those firefighters who in 1994 gave the ultimate sacrifice to their communities. Robert Waskiewicz, a husband and father of two, served the Augusta-Bridge Creek Fire Department and was killed while fighting an out of control brush fire. His dedication to his job, his family, and his department should not

be forgotten. His wife, Sondra, and his sons, Patrick and Charley, can be proud of Robert's bravery and service. His death should be a reminder of the importance of our firefighters and that on a daily basis they put their lives in danger for all of us.

One hundred firefighters died in 1994. Roughly 1 million outdoor fires were started in 1994, like the one in which Robert died. Even one death is one too many, and we must do everything possible to reduce the number of fires and the resulting civilian and firefighter deaths.

My condolences to Robert's family and all of the other firefighters who died in 1994.

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HON. JOHN T. MYERS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 12, 1995

Mr. MYERS of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today and congratulate the Purdue "All-American" Marching Band on receiving the "Heisman Trophy" of college band awards—the 1995 Sudler Trophy.

For over 109 years this collegiate band has won coveted honors and generated excitement at home football games. Look to the Purdue Marching Band for a number of firsts—first band to break ranks and form a letter on the football field (the Block "P") to the first band to place a bandsman, Neil Armstrong, on the moon. Known for its trademark Big Bass Drum and internationally famous Golden Girl, the band has carried its proud heritage throughout the world, through a multitude of televised and worldwide appearances, and 77 consecutive showings as the host band of the Indianapolis 500 Mile Race.

Under the leadership of Band Director David A. Leppla, now in his 8th year at the helm, the band continues a tradition of excellence characterized by creative musical arrangements with no two halftime shows alike. Leppla's innovative talent has persuaded the percussions, roused the reeds, and hammered the horns to a dazzling display of show tunes, marches, rock and jazz selections.

For many people, the Purdue Marching Band has come to symbolize a part of the American spirit. A spirit that embraces life solely out of sheer enjoyment. Generations of band members have come to Purdue to become part of that spirit—the world's largest permanently organized marching ensemble.

This Saturday as band members march on the Purdue Homecoming field at halftime, let us salute that spirit and watch the Boilermaker band go out on their "highest note" ever enriching the life of the college and instilling a sense of pride in all alums. "Hail, Hail to old Purdue!"