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## **STATEMENT OF COMMISSIONER ROBERT M. McDOWELL ON THE PASSING OF CHAIRMAN JAMES H. QUELLO**

It is with a heavy heart that I reflect on the passing of my friend, Jim Quello, who served for more than twenty-three years on the Federal Communications Commission. As a young attorney new to communications law in the early 1990s, I first encountered Jim from afar as one of many who watched, and grew to admire, the collegiality and openness he brought to his role as Acting Chairman. Later, it was a true pleasure to get to know Jim during my own tenure at the FCC. He was an endearing figure who demonstrated his kindness and thoughtfulness by reaching out to mentor many of us who have entered these doors over the years.

Jim personified the best attributes of America's "Greatest Generation." Prevailing over the hardships brought about by the Great Depression, without hesitation he risked his own life in the struggle to defeat fascism in Europe during World War II. In peacetime, he helped build Michigan's broadcasting industry before being asked to serve his country once more on the FCC.

I send my deepest sympathy and warm thoughts to his family. His indomitable spirit, colorful sense of humor, bipartisanship, and commitment to public service will never be forgotten.

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