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The President today announced his intention to nominate Major General Harold R. Parfitt, of Coaldale, Pennsylvania to be Governor of the Canal Zone. He will succeed Major General David S. Parker who is retiring.

Major General Parfitt is presently Commanding General, United States Army Engineer Center/Commandant, United States Army Engineer School. From December 1969 to August 1973, he was Division Engineer, United States Army Engineer Division, Southwest, Dallas, Texas. He was Commanding Officer, 20th Engineer Brigade in Vietnam from November 1968 to November 1969. In June 1965 he became Lieutenant Governor of the Canal Zone and Vice President of the Panama Canal Company in Balboa Heights, Canal Zone, serving until September 1968. He was Deputy and later District Engineer of the Engineer Division, South Atlantic, in Jacksonville, Florida from August 1962 to May 1965.

Major General Parfitt was born on August 6, 1921, in Coaldale, Pennsylvania. He received his B.S. degree from the United States Military Academy in 1943 and his M.S. degree from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1948. He attended the United States Army Command and General Staff College and the Canadian National Defense College.

Major General Parfitt is the recipient of the Distinguished Service Medal, the Purple Heart and the Legion of Merit, with Oak Leaf Cluster.

Major General Parfitt is married to the former Patricia Scully and they have two children.

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