WHEREAS, Commissioner Cartagena received a Bachelor of Art Degree from Yale University in May 1993, attended Masters Program at Boston University, College of Communications, from September 1986 to May, and received a JD degree from the Boston College Law School, in January 1988; and

WHEREAS, Before joining the DCPSC, Commissioner
Cartagena started his career at the Federal Communications
Commission's Common Carrier Bureau in April 1988, and
worked as assistant general counsel with Metromedia
Communications and the DC Public Service Commission, and,
again, in 1995, worked at the FCC Common Carrier Bureau's
Enforcement Division and the Office of the Bureau Chief for the
Consumer Information; and

WHEREAS, The Commission staff always appreciated and benefitted from Commissioner Cartagena's strong beliefs and family values; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Cartagena and his lovely wife of almost 22 years, Dr. Alicia Cartagena, raised two extremely bright children who are keeping them youthful; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Cartagena's passion for music, particularly jazz, encouraged the staff to tune into the jazz radios every time he passed through the Commission's hallway; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Cartagena, in meetings with senior staff and fellow colleagues, never failed to make them feel

intellectually superior; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Angel Cartagena was the first Hispanic to be appointed head of an independent agency in the District of Columbia; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Cartagena was the first Republican to head the District's Public Service Commission; and

WHEREAS, District of Columbia Public Service Commissioner Angel Cartagena was appointed to Chair the Energy Market Access Partnership Board; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Angel Cartagena served as the President of the Mid-Atlantic Conference of Regulatory Utilities Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Cartagena's work ethic was a driving force behind the many accomplishments of the conference; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Angel Cartagena served as a valuable member of NARUC's Telecommunications Committee contributing to many of the Committee's resolutions; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Cartagena's beliefs in free markets has led him to be member of the Board of Directors of the Center for the Advancement of Energy Markets; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Cartagena's attempt to "empower" Commission employees instantly gained him many friends; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Cartagena's distinct sense of

humor literally distanced him from the rest; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Cartagena has developed disdain for people who did not properly line up dates, did not close their memos in complementary style, did not use Times New Roman font size 12, or indent their paragraphs; and

WHEREAS, Despite their sincere attempts, the employees of the Commission would never find out Who, finally, Moved his Cheese; and

WHEREAS, Through Commissioner Cartagena's attempts to organize the Commission's Book Club, made the staff throw away their "The Elements of Style", by William Strunk, Jr. and replace it with "Harry Potter's five (so far) volume collections; and

WHEREAS, Through his belief in strong participation in international affairs, explored new dance moves until the wee hours of the morning in the Dominican Republic; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Cartagena has always conducted himself in a manner that truly distinguished his service to the regulatory community, commission, and the citizens of the District of Columbia; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Cartagena's professionalism, passion, and persuasiveness in the Committees and Conferences he chaired; now therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) convened in its July 2003 Summer Meeting in Denver,

Colorado, extends its congratulations and sincere appreciation to Commissioner Angel Cartagena for his exemplary service as the President of the Mid-Atlantic Conference of Regulatory Utilities Commissioners and for all his efforts to effect the goals of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 to promote the timely deployment of advanced telecommunications services to all Americans.

Sponsored by the Committee on Telecommunications

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