

Resolution Honoring W. Robert Keating

WHEREAS, For many years Commissioner Keating has served and continues to serve as a member of the Massachusetts Department of Telecommunications and Energy, and to relentlessly pursue the public good and interest; *and*

WHEREAS, Even before joining the Department, Commissioner Keating established an impressive record of public service and private industry participation – including employment with the New England Regional Commission, Tenneco, and Boston Edison, and having been involved with energy issues since 1971; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Keating has served NARUC as a representative to the National Petroleum Council (NPC), and has devoted significant time and energy to achieving the completion of one of the NPC's most comprehensive studies on natural gas at the request of the U.S. Secretary of Energy; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Keating has served and continues to serve NARUC as Chair of the U.S. Department of Energy/NARUC Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) Partnership during these times of great interest in LNG issues; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Keating has served and continues to serve NARUC and its interests as Chair of the Board of Directors of the National Regulatory Research Institute; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Keating serves NARUC faithfully as a staunch member and has served NARUC in exemplary fashion as Chair of its Committee on Gas; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Keating can always be counted upon to elevate the debate on complex issues, not only by understanding and synthesizing the complexity of the details, but also by taking macroscopic and longer-term perspectives, enabling him often to construct innovative alternatives; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Keating brings to his work the desired qualities of honesty, integrity, dedication along with a keen knowledge and intellect of natural gas and other utility issues combined with the gift of warm fellowship; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Keating, along with his wife and children, all share in the distinction of having received their Bachelors' degrees from the University of Massachusetts, where he received his Bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering, and his Master's degree in Civil/Environmental Engineering from the University of Maine; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Keating relishes his role of devoted husband to wife Diane, father to his twin daughters Lynne and Michelle, and to his son Matthew, and doting grandfather to his soon-to-be-three grandchildren, including granddaughters Nicole and Lainey; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Keating has mastered the ability to maintain a longer-term perspective and demonstrated his adroitness at handling adversity, having been a life-long Red

Sox fan unlike many of this year's newcomers who join him in celebrating the World Series victory by the Boston Red Sox; *now therefore be it*

RESOLVED, That the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) convened in its November 2004 Annual Convention in Nashville, Tennessee hereby expresses its sincere thanks to Commissioner Keating for his past, present, and continuing service to the Association, the citizens of Massachusetts and the United States, his colleagues, and to the public interest; *and be it further*

RESOLVED, That NARUC and all of its members convey their best wishes to Commissioner Keating in all of his continued endeavors and service.

Sponsored by the Committee on Gas

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