

Resolution Sorta Honoring Bob Anderson of Montana

WHEREAS, Bob Anderson has been a dedicated public servant for many years culminating in his role as member and Chairman of the Montana Public Service Commission; and

WHEREAS, Bob Anderson has served NARUC in many capacities, including as its illustrious president, as a member of the Board of Directors, and as chairman of the ERE Committee when it was considered a dangerous thing to do; and

WHEREAS, Bob Anderson is admired as an unswerving defender of the environment, and for his efforts to experience so much of it; and

WHEREAS, The whole country is Bob Anderson's playground, from the highest mountain to the lowest hot pot; and

WHEREAS, Bob Anderson is an irrepressible hiker and climber, and this Son of the Beartooth Mountains has extended his exploration of every vertical incline within 150 miles of each NARUC meeting venue (and the horizontal venues "ain't nobody's business but his own" - hotpotting is not a crime) without losing his fervent love for the glories of his own state; and

WHEREAS, Those venues without mountainous terrain, but with more than 20 square feet of grass, blacktop (regardless of cars and pedestrians) or hotel lobby, regularly inspired one of the most enthusiastic Frisbeeists in recent history; and

WHEREAS, Bob Anderson is respected for his leadership on behalf of NARUC, and in particular his skillful enlistment of the

membership to conduct a major self-examination; and

WHEREAS, Bob Anderson has the best looking legs on the ERE Committee membership roster (who can forget Michael Oldak's photographic evidence); and

WHEREAS, Bob Anderson does a really nasty Macarena for an aging Scandinavian with bad knees; and

WHEREAS, Unlike his role model Peter Pan, Bob Anderson has finally decided to give up the fairy dust and grow up; and

WHEREAS, Bob Anderson's mastery of process always seemed to extract chaos out of order, and he regularly used this talent to accomplish good works; and

WHEREAS, Bob Anderson knows how to let the cat out of the bag, starting with his founding of the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem Coalition...now there are wolves and grizzlies all over the interior west; and

WHEREAS, Bob Anderson is beloved for his exuberant blurring of the distinction between purpose and recreation; and

WHEREAS, Bob Anderson is an innovator...only he could have discovered one of the primary function of the Frisbee - to keep a "cigarette" dry in a hot spring; and

WHEREAS, NARUC will have to issue Bob Anderson a special day glow, tie-dyed, paisley badge, dude; and

WHEREAS, Bob Anderson's ties and hats were often the subject of vigorous discussion, speculation and the occasional

food fight (or perhaps the ties were the result of a food fight);
and

WHEREAS, Bob Anderson is feared, both for his skill and
overconfidence with a Frisbee; and

WHEREAS, To their great consternation, even commissioners
from SEARUC often found themselves persuaded by his
reasoning; and

WHEREAS, Bob Anderson enthusiastically shared his guitar-
playing prowess with his colleagues by performing with the
infamous band "Morey and Deregulators" at several NARUC
meetings; and

WHEREAS, Bob Anderson is the only person we know with the
gumption to describe Mary Kilmarx, in public, as a "babe"
(which of course she was, but would you have dared say so?);
and

WHEREAS, Bob Anderson is one of those humans most in the
state of Grace, to have found his soulmate at the Western
Conference during the "Showalter Summer of Love"; and whom
he loves boldly, unabashedly, tumescently, and across state
lines; and

WHEREAS, Bob Anderson's public service has been
senselessly and needlessly cut down in its prime by the folly of
term limits; and

WHEREAS, Bob Anderson is leaving the Montana Public
Service Commission, and by extension, the ERE Committee;

and

WHEREAS, At the first opportunity, Bob Anderson will edit this resolution, critique its internal logic, and point out that it covers a series of points analytically non-germane to the core issue; and

WHEREAS, The gifts of skill, commitment, stamina, humor, determination, spirit, intellect and irreverent charm do not begin to describe Bob Anderson; and

WHEREAS, The ERE committee will be the poorer without Bob Anderson's incorrigible but always lovable personality, chivalrous and disconcertingly simultaneous acerbic wit, and unflagging determination, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) convened in its November 2002 meeting in Chicago, Illinois, extends its sincere appreciation to Commissioner Anderson for all of his contributions; and be it further

RESOLVED, That as Bob Anderson's stellar NARUC years come to a close, the NARUC Board of Directors, the Committee on Energy Resources and the Environment, and all his friends in public service wish Bob well as he hikes, paddles, strums, tosses, dribbles, dives, and bikes with Grace into that good night; and be it further

RESOLVED, That, Bob Anderson, you are leaving citizens, consumers, and the environment much better for your multitude of good works, and are leaving your friends with many, many

good memories, and for all of that we thank you!

Sponsored by the Committee on Energy Resources and the
Environment

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