

WHEREAS, The National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners ("NARUC") pays tribute to Commissioner B.J. Helton, the Chairman of the Kentucky Public Service Commission, on the occasion of the completion of her term as Commissioner; and

WHEREAS, NARUC commends Chairman Helton's outstanding performance of her duties as Vice Chair of the NARUC Committee on Water; her demonstration of foresight and innovation and depth of expertise and analysis which, due to her active participation, served to strengthen and energize the Committee's deliberations and output, as well as to broaden the audience for the Committee's programs; and

WHEREAS, Chairman Helton, serving with distinction in the capacity of Vice Chair, brought new and innovative speakers to the Water Committee Meeting agendas, and introduced fresh issues and solutions to challenges facing states in the regulation of water companies, such as environmental issues, alternative water supplies and water resource planning;

WHEREAS, Chairman Helton was a key player in the innovative and exemplary program, "Kentucky Pride," a multi-county regional solution to comprehensive waterway clean-up through the prevention of illegal dumping, utilizing a coordinated approach with the Commission, the Army Corps of Engineering, and the Department of Environmental Protection; and

WHEREAS, Chairman Helton brought to the Committee's

attention the "Peer Review Program," a collaborative approach to improve small system viability by training water industry volunteers to educate small systems operators how to better handle all aspects of running their systems; the program has been so successful that it won the coveted Kennedy School Award; and

WHEREAS, Chairman Helton understood the value both programs hold for adoption by other state commissions; Chairman Helton demonstrates the ability of utilizing government as effectively as possible to change the wellbeing of everyday life for its citizens and she took the initiative and effort to implement these beneficial programs; and

WHEREAS, Chairman Helton has been a staunch supporter of the Water Committee's Rate Schools, as demonstrated by the quality presentations she gave and her ongoing assistance with the organization and planning of future Schools; and

WHEREAS, Chairman Helton's contributions to the NARUC Committee on Water are greatly respected, admired and deeply appreciated;

WHEREAS, Chairman Helton having also served with distinction as a member of NARUC's Ad Hoc Electric Restructuring Committee; as the Chair of the Research Committee of the National Regulatory Research Institute Board of Directors; and as an active participant on the Public Council on Water Supply Research of the American Water Works Association Research Foundation; and *now, therefore be it*

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors of the National

Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners ("NARUC"), convened at its Summer 2000 Meetings in Los Angeles, California, joins the Water Committee in extending its sincere thanks to Chairman Helton for her dedication and continuous efforts to enhance the regulation of water companies to the benefit of the overall public good; and *now, therefore be it further*

RESOLVED, That the NARUC Commissioners, Committee on Water, and Staff Subcommittee on Water extend their best wishes to Chairman Helton and commend her for her exemplary service; her participation on the Committee will be missed, and we wish her the best in her future endeavors.

Sponsored by the Committee on Water

Adopted by the NARUC Board of Directors, July 26, 2000.