

Honorary Resolution for Commissioner Deborah Taylor Tate of Tennessee

WHEREAS, Deborah Taylor Tate was nominated by President George W. Bush on November 9, 2005, unanimously confirmed by the United States Senate on December 21, 2005 and sworn in as an FCC Commissioner on January 3, 2006; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Tate was appointed by the FCC on January 13, 2006 to both serve on and act as Federal Chair of the Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service as well as Federal Chair of the Federal-State Joint Board on Jurisdictional Separations; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Tate previously served tirelessly as a Director of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority for three-and-one-half years, serving as Chairman of the agency from 2003 until 2004; *and*

WHEREAS, During her exemplary tenure with the Tennessee Regulatory Authority, she initiated a statewide symposium on winter heating issues, was instrumental in the development of the Do-Not-Fax program, and implemented significant community outreach and education efforts; *and*

WHEREAS, While Director of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority, Commissioner Tate was appointed by the Chairman of the FCC to the Federal-State Joint Board on Advanced Telecommunications Services; *and*

WHEREAS, As a dedicated member of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC), Commissioner Tate served on both the Consumer Affairs and Gas committees, and was Chairman of the Washington Action Committee; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Tate has served diligently in other national roles, including the Editorial Advisory Board for KMB Video Journal, the American Public Gas Association Security and Integrity Foundation Board of Directors Advisory Board, and the New Mexico State University's Center for Public Utilities Advisory Council; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Tate possesses a unique ability to develop a constructive consensus, and her remarkable success during her long and distinguished public service career is directly attributable to her high standards of civility, good will, and integrity; *now therefore be it*

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC), convened in its February 2006 Winter Meetings in Washington, D.C., honors and offers its sincere thanks to Deborah Taylor Tate for her dedicated and distinguished service to the State of Tennessee and to the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners; *and be it further*

RESOLVED, That the NARUC Board of Directors, NARUC Washington Action Committee, and NARUC Consumer Affairs and Gas Committees wish Deborah Taylor Tate continued success and happiness in her future endeavors, both professional and personal.

Sponsored by the Consumer Affairs Committee
Adopted by the NARUC Board of Directors February 15, 2006