WHEREAS, NARUC members were recently distressed to hear that "Way Cool Bureau" Chief Dorothy "Elvisina" @wood has "left the building;" and

WHEREAS, Before leaving the Commission, Ms. Attwood compiled an extensive record of public service; and

WHEREAS, Early in her FCC career, realizing that if she reached her ultimate goal of becoming the Wireless Competition Bureau Chief (and getting the Commission to install purple carpet in her office) she could no longer avoid extended interactions with her State colleagues, Ms. Attwood put in a few years in other parts of the Commission to sharpen her already prodigious communication and political skills; and

WHEREAS, Prior to her July 2000 appointment as the Chief of the Common Carrier Bureau, the predecessor to the Wireline Competition Bureau, Attwood acted as senior legal advisor to then-Chairman William Kennard; and

WHEREAS, Before solidifying her position in the chairman's office with her "purple" prose, she also held the position of Chief of the Common Carrier Bureau's Enforcement Division and spent some time in the Policy and Program Planning Division of the Common Carrier Bureau, and in the Office of General Counsel; and

WHEREAS, Before joining the FCC in 1996, Ms. Attwood was a partner in the Philadelphia law firm of Cozen & O'Conner, specializing in commercial litigation;

WHEREAS, Ms. Attwood got her A.B. from Brown University, her J.D. from the University of Pennsylvania Law School, her M.S. from the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania, and her B.S. from ... we're not really sure; and

WHEREAS, Dorothy performed exceptional service in her two years as Chief of this important bureau, and in her prior responsibilities at the commission playing an integral role in the FCC's implementation of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, and in shaping the FCC's policies in the transition to a more competitive telecommunications environment; and

WHEREAS, Dorothy has been a key spokesperson on wireline issues to Congress, NARUC, and the public at large; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners convened in its July 2002 Summer Meetings in Portland, Oregon, extends our hearty thanks for Ms. Attwood's multiple contributions to public policy of the United States and healthy FCC-State interactions, and wishes her every success in her future endeavors. We agree with Chairman Powell's views on her departure: She will, indeed, be missed.

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