

Resolution Honoring Edward J. Holmes

WHEREAS, For five years, as a member and also Vice Chairman of the Kentucky Public Service Commission, Commissioner Holmes has relentlessly pursued the public good and interest; and

WHEREAS, Even before joining the commission, Commissioner Holmes racked up an impressive record of public service serving - From 1991 to 1995 as the Secretary, Cabinet for Public Protection and Regulation for the Commonwealth of Kentucky - which is part of the Governors Executive Cabinet - coordinating policy and managing 1,000 employees and a budget of 80 million dollars; and As the Director of the Bluegrass Area Development District - coordinating regional land use and housing activities within the seventeen county regional planning district, in Lexington, Kentucky; and As the City Planner for the City of Beloit, Wisconsin - directing neighborhood planning activities, as well as neighborhood housing services program and downtown redevelopment efforts; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Holmes has served NARUC faithfully as a staunch member and Chair of the NARUC Committee on Gas, the NARUC Board of Directors, and as a Board Member of the Gas Research Institute; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Holmes brought to his work the gift of sharp intellect and to his colleagues a gift of warm fellowship; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Holmes has been instrumental in

introducing customer choice programs in natural gas in Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Holmes has demonstrated his adroitness in handling diversity, such as being the University of Cincinnati's basketball team's most ardent fan while serving as a Kentucky Commissioner; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Holmes could always be counted on to elevate the debate on difficult issues, by not only understanding and synthesizing the complexity of the details but also by being able to "view the subject eye to eye at the thirty thousand foot level!" often crafting innovative alternatives; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Holmes is compassionate and caring in his dealings with his fellow commissioners, the commission staff, and the public; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) convened in its July 2001 Summer Committee Meetings in Seattle, Washington, expresses its sincere thanks to Commissioner Holmes for his years of dedicated public service to the Association, the citizens of Kentucky and the United States, his colleagues, and to the public interest; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the NARUC and its members convey their best wishes for Commissioner Holmes in all of his future endeavors.

Sponsored by the Committee on Gas

Adopted by the NARUC Board of Directors, July 18, 2001.