

***Resolution Honoring Donald L. Mason, Commissioner, The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio***

**WHEREAS**, Donald L. Mason has served two terms as a member of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, having been appointed by Governor George Voinovich in 1998 and reappointed by Governor Bob Taft in 2003; *and*

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner Mason has served NARUC with distinction as Chair of the Gas Committee, displaying both leadership and technical knowledge as he guided NARUC's natural gas efforts through a time of significant industry change; *and*

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner Mason has also served NARUC as a member of the Board of Directors, and as a member of the Committee on Critical Infrastructure and the ad hoc Committee on Electric Restructuring; *and*

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner Mason has been an active participant and supporter of the U.S. Department of Energy – NARUC Liquefied Natural Gas Partnership; *and*

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner Mason has served as a member of NARUC's Clean-Coal Subcommittee; *and*

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner Mason was a member of NARUC's Natural Gas Task Force; *and*

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner Mason has represented the State of Ohio on the Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission including serving as Vice Chair and on the Steering Committee; *and*

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner Mason was appointed to the National Petroleum Council by then-Secretary of Energy Spencer Abraham, and was subsequently reappointed by Secretary of Energy Samuel Bodman; *and*

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner Mason has taken and continues to take an active interest in pipeline safety matters, including serving as a government representative and Chairman of the United States Department of Transportation's Technical Hazardous Liquid Pipeline Safety Committee; *and*

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner Mason serves as Chairman of the Gas Technology Institute's Public Interest Advisory Commission; *and*

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner Mason is a member of the American Public Gas Association Security and Integrity Foundation Board; *and*

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner Mason has led Ohio's energy partnership exchange with the Government of Ghana, most recently including his first trip abroad to Accra, Ghana; *and*

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner Mason has served the State of Ohio in a wide variety of roles, including as Deputy Director of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources and as Chief of its Oil and Gas Division and as a member of the Hazardous Waste Facilities Board; *and*

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner Mason's long and distinguished record of public service includes terms on the Zanesville City Council and as Mayor of Zanesville, Ohio for 8 years; *and*

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner Mason received a political science degree from Muskingum College and a law degree from Capital University, Cum Laude; *and*

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner Mason was an NCAA All-American collegiate wrestler and remains active in community athletic activities as a volunteer coach and referee, including 27 years of outstanding service as a wrestling referee that resulted in his being recognized as the 2006 top official in eastern Ohio; *and*

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner Mason is a resident of Zanesville, Ohio, where he lives with his wife Danielle and three children; *and*

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner Mason's dedication to his community is exemplified by his service on many county, city, and other community boards and organizations, including a Rotarian with 25 years of perfect attendance and is a Multiple Paul Harris Fellow; *and*

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner Mason is often recognized by his peers for his sense of style and fashion and is clearly a leading candidate for "Commissioner on the Cover of GQ Magazine"; *and*

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner Mason is a passionate supporter of the Ohio State Buckeyes football team; *now, therefore, be it*

**RESOLVED**, That the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC), convened in its November 2007 Annual Convention in Anaheim, California, hereby expresses its sincere thanks to Commissioner Mason for his past, present, and continuing service to the Association, the citizens of Ohio and the United States, his colleagues, and to the public interest; *and be it further*

**RESOLVED**, That NARUC and all of its members convey their best wishes to Commissioner Mason in all of his future endeavors and service.

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*Sponsored by the Committee on Gas*

*Recommended by the NARUC Board of Directors, November 13, 2007*

*Adopted by the Committee of the Whole, November 14, 2007*