

Resolution Honoring FCC Commissioner Harold Furchtgott-Roth

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**WHEREAS**, FCC Commissioner Harold Furchtgott-Roth is probably one of the smartest commissioners to ever grace the Halls of the FCC - demonstrating that intelligence by refusing to own a television set - (and also by snagging an S.B. in Economics from that little known techie school in Boston - (MIT, I think its called) Ph.D. in Economics from an equally obscure university (Stanford); and

**WHEREAS**, Prior to being sworn in at the FCC November 3, 1997, Commissioner Furchtgott-Roth was the Chief Economist for the U.S. House Committee on Commerce where he gained an excellent reputation for balanced and fair analysis on energy and telecommunication issues; and

**WHEREAS**, Although known for his calm studied demeanor, Harold soft-spoken delivery belied the strength of both his convictions and his ability to clearly and forcefully articulate them; and

**WHEREAS**, Harold's analytically unassailable opinion of the law typically reflected the clear Congressional intent that the States play a strong role in implementation of the Telecommunications Act and the critical importance of coordinated State-FCC action; and

**WHEREAS**, To defend his "genteel" but consistent admonition to "follow the law," Harold racked up a record of dissents at the FCC that would make Cal Ripkin proud; and

**WHEREAS**, Harold's office was always open to NARUC and

NARUC commissioners and he was always ready to share his opinions; and

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner Furchtgott-Roth has made significant contributions to the regulatory community, to the NARUC and to the public interests of the people of the United States during his tenure as a Commissioner with the FCC; and

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner Furchtgott-Roth's professional expertise, intellect, integrity, good spirit and leadership during his years with the FCC has strengthened and enriched the FCC's deliberations (and made some otherwise other dull open hearings and written decisions thought provoking, lively and entertaining); and

**WHEREAS**, The broad vision, leadership, dedication, and commitment to excellence (and dissents) that Commissioner Furchtgott-Roth brought to the FCC and the NARUC will be greatly missed by his fellow regulators; 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, extends hearty congratulations and its sincere thanks to Commissioner Furchgott-Roth for his distinguished public service to the United States and NARUC and conveys its best wishes for his future endeavors.

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