

Resolution Honoring Loretta Lynch, Commissioner, California Public Utilities Commission

WHEREAS, Loretta Lynch will leave the California Public Utilities Commission on January 1, 2005, after five years of distinguished service; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Lynch served as President of the California Public Utilities Commission for three years, including during the height of an energy crisis precipitated by her predecessors' ill-fated experiment in electricity deregulation; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Lynch ably confronted such difficult challenges as rolling blackouts, skyrocketing wholesale electricity costs, and the decision by California's largest energy utility to attempt to use bankruptcy law to escape State regulation; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Lynch stood up for the independence of her agency and has been a leader in defending State jurisdiction to regulate utilities for the benefit of consumers; *and*

WHEREAS, Throughout her tenure, Commissioner Lynch has been a forceful and effective advocate for the interests of consumers, particularly residential and small business customers; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Lynch has been a leading proponent of increased State responsibility for conservation of telephone numbering resources, and has overseen California's successful efforts to conserve telephone numbers and forestall unnecessary and disruptive area code proliferation; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Lynch has testified before Congress on numerous occasions and spent countless hours educating members of Congress and their staffs about key telecommunications and energy issues and the important role of State commissions in protecting consumers and the environment, and upholding the law; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Lynch has been a leading voice for increased competition for basic and broadband telecommunications, as a tool to promote consumer choice, lower prices and innovation; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Lynch has served as a member of the North American Numbering Council, the Federal Communications Commission-State Joint Conference on Accounting, the Alliance for State Leaders Protecting Electricity Consumers, and as Chair of the Service Quality Subcommittee of NARUC's Telecommunications Committee; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Lynch has never been shy about expressing her views on important issues, has tirelessly fought for the positions in which she believes, and never backs down from a fight; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Lynch's energy, passion, and dedication have been an inspiration to her fellow NARUC commissioners; *and*

WHEREAS, Upon completing her term, Commissioner Lynch will write a book divulging the manipulation behind the California energy crisis; *now therefore be it*

RESOLVED, That the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC), convened in its November 2004 Annual Convention in Nashville, Tennessee, offers its sincere thanks for the dedication, passion, and distinguished public service of Commissioner Loretta Lynch; *and be it further*

RESOLVED, That the NARUC Board of Directors and the NARUC Telecommunications Committee wish Commissioner Lynch success and happiness in her future endeavors (and hope that she only has nice things to say about NARUC in her upcoming book).

Sponsored by the Committee on Telecommunications
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