

Resolution Honoring South Dakota Commissioner Laska Schoenfelder

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**WHEREAS**, During her 12 years of service with NARUC and the South Dakota Public Utilities Service Commission, Commissioner Laska Schoenfelder distinguished herself as a leader, advocate, mentor and friend; and

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner Schoenfelder was extremely active in NARUC on the Telecommunications Committee, chairing the Consumer Issues policy subgroup, and, just by her presence, touched the lives of all who served with her; and

**WHEREAS**, Laska's immutable and steadfast dedication to the public interest was long recognized by our committee; and

**WHEREAS**, Laska never hesitated to take on an issue - controversial or no - before this Committee (or anywhere else) - and to speak her mind, almost always with a laser point to arguments that invariably cut to the core of any controversy; and

**WHEREAS**, Because of her dedication and commitment, Laska was one of only four State commissioners chosen to represent the association on the critically important Federal State Joint Board on Universal Service and was further ultimately designated by her state colleagues on the board as the State Chair; and

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner Schoenfelder played a pivotal role both in NARUC's successful endeavors during the passage of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, and our subsequent efforts to work cooperatively with the FCC on a range of

implementation issues; and

**WHEREAS**, Laska wasn't just highly valued by her friends and colleagues in NARUC and Washington, DC, but she also served her native state of South Dakota with distinction, whose voters obviously recognize political savvy and intelligence when they see it, and proved it by electing Laska Commissioner three times in succession to continue to represent their interests at the South Dakota PUC; and

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner Schoenfelder was a constant in the ever changing face of the NARUC Communications Committee and represents all the best in public service and has set an ethical and intellectual standard to which we all should aspire; and

**RESOLVED**, That all of Laska's NARUC colleagues and friends, joined by the Board of Directors of National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) convened in its July 2001 Summer Committee Meetings in Seattle, Washington, extend our sincere thanks for the opportunity we all enjoyed to serve with Laska; and

**RESOLVED**, That we also extend our heartfelt thanks to the family of Laska for sharing her with us for 12 interesting and eventful years.

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Sponsored by the Committee on Telecommunications  
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