

Resolution Commending the Honorable Martha Y. Walker for her Service to the Committee on Water of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners

WHEREAS, The Honorable Martha Y. Walker has served for two years on the Committee on Water of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) and on the Board of Directors; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Walker has been active on the Committee on Water during these years and has supported its resolutions and activities whereby she participated as a moderator on a Water Committee panel at the NARUC 115th Annual Convention, attended the 1st and 2nd National Drinking Water Symposia that were, in part, sponsored by the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners' Committee on Water, as well as attending other Water Committee meetings to discuss current issues and bring resolve to certain issues; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Walker was elected to the West Virginia House of Delegates in 1990, elected to two terms in the West Virginia Senate in 1992 and 1996 where she served on several committees and was appointed to the Public Service Commission of West Virginia in December, 2000; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Walker has been active in legislative affairs at the national level, serving as: Vice chair of the Human Services Committee for the National Conference of State Legislatures; Member of the Health Chairs Project and Forum for State Health Policy Leadership for the National Conference of State Legislatures; Member of the Human Services and Public Safety Committee for the Southern Legislative Conference and State Director of the National Foundation for Women Legislatures; *and*

WHEREAS, During her tenure as a West Virginia Senator, Commissioner Walker received several awards including the Outstanding Senator of the Year Award by the West Virginia Association of Directors of Senior Programs and the Outstanding Legislator of the Year Award for her commitment toward excellence to local public health; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Walker is currently active in numerous organizations in the State of West Virginia as well as serving on several boards; *and*

WHEREAS, In the summer of 2000, she was invited by the National Democratic Institute to travel to Yemen and help assess the readiness of political parties and women's groups to participate in the next Yemen national election; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Walker was recently appointed by Governor Joe Manchin of West Virginia to the position of Secretary of the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources; *now therefore be it*

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors of National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC), convened at its February 2005 Winter Meetings in Washington, D.C., commends the Honorable Martha Y. Walker for her successful years on the Committee on Water in dealing with water issues to benefit the overall public good; *and be it further*

RESOLVED, That the NARUC Commissioners, the Committee on Water, and the Staff Subcommittee on Water extend their best wishes to her for continued success in all her future endeavors.

Sponsored by the Committee on Water

Adopted by the NARUC Board of Directors, February 16, 2005