

Resolution Honoring Former FCC Commissioner Jonathan S. Adelstein

WHEREAS, Jonathan S. Adelstein was unanimously confirmed twice by the U.S. Senate to be a member of the Federal Communications Commission for terms serving from 2002 to July 10, 2009 when he resigned from the commission; *and*

WHEREAS, Before joining the Commission, Adelstein already had racked up a distinguished career as a public servant – working for fifteen years as a staff member in the United States Senate, spending the last seven of those years, as senior legislative aide to then Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle (D-SD), where he advised Senator Daschle on telecommunications, financial services, housing, transportation and other key issues, and the prior years as Professional Staff Member to Senate Special Committee on Aging Chairman David Pryor (D-AR), including an assignment as a special liaison to Senator Harry Reid (D-NV), and as a Legislative Assistant to Senator Donald W. Riegle, Jr. (D-MI); *and*

WHEREAS, As a staffer to Senator Daschle, Mr. Adelstein was a key architect of expanding the Rural Utilities Service's authority to finance broadband services in the 2002 Farm Bill, which provides an excellent base of experience for him as he enters the next phase of his career seeking confirmation as the next Administrator of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Rural Utility Service; *and*

WHEREAS, A life-long public servant, Adelstein has dedicated his career to fighting for the public interest guided by the key principle that the public interest means securing access to communications for everyone, especially those the market may leave behind, and pressed for a substantive national broadband strategy with aggressive goals and specific policy recommendations; *and*

WHEREAS, Mr. Adelstein was a frequent and welcome participant a NARUC meetings and with the Telecommunications committee and NARUC looks forward to welcoming Mr. Adelstein (along with his intellect, expansive knowledge and of course his harmonica) back to the Telecommunications Committee and continuing to work closely with him in his new RUS postion; *now, therefore be it*

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC), convened at its 2009 Summer Committee Meetings in Seattle, Washington, wishes Jonathan Adelstein continued success and happiness as he continues his dedication to public service in a new capacity at the Rural Utility Service.

Sponsored by the Committee on Telecommunications
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