

Resolution Honoring Kentucky Commissioner David Armstrong

WHEREAS, David Armstrong has completed his term as chairman of the National Association of Utility Regulatory Commissioners' Committee on International Relations; *and*

WHEREAS, Since being named Chairman of the Kentucky Public Service Commission in 2008, Chairman Armstrong has continued the strong commitment to international understanding that he demonstrated in his previous service as a prosecutor, county judge-executive, Kentucky Attorney General and Mayor of the City of Louisville; *and*

WHEREAS, Chairman Armstrong has served on NARUC's Committee on International Relations since September 2008 and served with distinction as chairman of the Committee on International Relations from March 2011 through February 2014, in addition to serving on the NARUC Board of Directors and its Committee on Electricity; *and*

WHEREAS, At Chairman Armstrong's initiative, the Kentucky Public Service Commission entered into an extremely successful four-year regulatory exchange with the Georgian National Energy Regulatory and Water Supply Commission that produced tangible progress in utility regulation in the Republic of Georgia; *and*

WHEREAS, Chairman Armstrong not only encouraged Kentucky Public Service Commission staff to participate in the partnership, but also facilitated the participation of other State agencies and utility companies; *and*

WHEREAS, Chairman Armstrong drew on the many relationships he built during his years in elective office in Kentucky to introduce his guests from the Republic of Georgia to Kentucky's many treasures, including horse racing, fine bourbon and the legacy of Muhammad Ali; *and*

WHEREAS, Chairman Armstrong brought the tradition of the Georgian supra to Kentucky, thereby improving greatly the quality of the toasts delivered at official dinners held during partnership activities, and, furthermore, contributed to health and safety of the participants by adhering to the Georgian practice of toasting with wine, rather than the Kentucky practice of toasting with bourbon; *and*

WHEREAS, Chairman Armstrong has encouraged Kentucky Public Service Commission staff to participate in other NARUC-sponsored international activities, including the partnership with Ukraine, the monitoring and evaluation initiative and programs in Brazil and elsewhere; *and*

WHEREAS, During Chairman Armstrong's tenure, the Kentucky Public Service Commission and its staff also have hosted or engaged with international delegations from Pakistan, Russia, Ukraine and Jamaica; *and*

WHEREAS, Chairman Armstrong himself has participated in international activities such as the Black Sea Partnership and Energy Regulators Regional Association, including the 2011 General Assembly in St. Petersburg, Russia; *and*

WHEREAS, Chairman Armstrong continues to be an advocate for both NARUC's international programs and the Kentucky Public Service Commission's participation in those efforts; *now, therefore be it*

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, convened at their Summer Committee Meetings in Dallas, Texas, extend their gratitude to Commissioner Armstrong for his leadership of NARUC's Committee on International Relations and for his commitment to the furtherance of closer ties between utility regulators around the globe, and express their hope that Chairman Armstrong will continue his participation in these endeavors.

*Passed by the Committee on International Relations.
Adopted by the Board of Directors July 16, 2014.*