

Resolution Honoring Sharon E. Gillett

WHEREAS, Sharon Gillett has distinguished herself nationally in the field of broadband and telecommunications policy; *and*

WHEREAS, Ms. Gillett was appointed in 2007 to serve as the first commissioner of the newly created Massachusetts Department of Telecommunications and Cable; *and*

WHEREAS, Ms. Gillett was a respected colleague and friend whose leadership helped reshape the way telecommunications is regulated both nationally and in the Commonwealth; *and*

WHEREAS, Ms. Gillett was instrumental in winning passage of the Massachusetts Broadband Act, creating a funding mechanism to further deployment of broadband to underserved areas of the Commonwealth; *and*

WHEREAS, Ms. Gillett joined the Telecommunications Committee of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) in 2007 and served on the advisory council for the federal Telecommunications Relay Service Fund; *and*

WHEREAS, Ms. Gillett was incredibly active and personally was one prime instigator of several NARUC advocacy initiatives on key issues involving jurisdictional issues and consumer protection; *and*

WHEREAS, Ms. Gillett embodied the concept of public service while earning a reputation as a street and tech savvy gracious and above-all collegial member of the telecommunications committee; *and*

WHEREAS, Ms. Gillett, who is sorely missed by her colleagues at NARUC, continues her tireless efforts to improve broadband and high-speed internet access by serving as the Director of the Massachusetts Broadband Institute; *and*

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, extends its sincere appreciation to Sharon E. Gillett for her years of public service, and wishes her great success in her future endeavors.

*Sponsored by the Committee on Telecommunications
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