WHEREAS, Ray Vawter was a fixture at the Iowa State
Commerce Commission and the Iowa Utilities Board for more
than 33 years, serving as the Board's Executive Secretary
since 1988, and

WHEREAS, During Ray's leadership, the Iowa Utilities Board accomplished significant restructuring to adapt itself for future needs, and

WHEREAS, Ray provided significant support to NARUC programs, most recently serving as a member of the Staff Subcommittee of Executive Directors for more than twelve years, and serving with distinction as its chair, and

WHEREAS, Ray provided a model of dedication to the ideals of public service and professional regulation, and

WHEREAS, Ray's tenure under four governors and twenty commissioners gave truth to the staff motto "I was here before you came and I'll be here when you're gone," *now therefore be it*

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) convened in its 2001 Winter Committee Meetings in Washington D.C. extends to Ray its appreciation for his years of contributions and its best wishes for a long and happy retirement, *and be it further*

RESOLVED, That Ray be deemed to hold an honorary NARUC cab card for his motor home, to speed his travels throughout

the States that have benefited from his career in regulation.

Sponsored by Subcommittee on Administration

Adopted by the NARUC Board of Directors, February 28, 2001.