WHEREAS, The National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) pays tribute to Steve Blackhurst of the Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission (TNRCC) on the occasion of his retirement; and

WHEREAS, NARUC commends Mr. Blackhurst's outstanding performance of his duties as a member of the NARUC Staff Subcommittee on Water since 1986, to include serving as Vice Chair from 1990 through 1993, and as Chair from 1993 through 1996; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Blackhurst, serving with distinction in the capacity of chair and Vice Chair, brought new and innovative ideas to the challenges facing states in the regulation of water companies; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Blackhurst served as an important member of the NARUC Rate School Faculty for the last 15 years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Blackhurst recently retired as a Technical Specialist in the Utilities & Districts Section of the Water Permits & Resource Management Division of the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TRNCC). Steve worked with the TNRCC and its predecessor agencies since February 1, 1986. During his career, he also worked for the Public Drinking Water Program for the State of Idaho and the Texas Air Control Board. Steve has been involved in water and wastewater utility regulation for 19 years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Blackhurst's contributions to the NARUC Staff

Subcommittee on Water are greatly respected, admired and deeply appreciated; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) convened in its July 2001 Summer Committee Meetings in Seattle, Washington, extends their sincere thanks to Steve for his dedication and continuous efforts to enhance the regulation of water companies to the benefit of the overall public good; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the NARUC Commissioners, Committee on Water, and Staff Subcommittee on Water extend their best wishes to Steve and commend him for his exemplary service and wish him the best in his future endeavors.

Sponsored by the Committee on Water Adopted by the NARUC Board of Directors, July 18, 2001.