

Resolution Honoring Commissioner Susan Ness

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**WHEREAS**, Commissioner Susan Ness was appointed to the Federal Communications Commission by President Clinton in 1994; and

**WHEREAS**, While at the FCC, Commissioner Ness prominently inserted herself into the NARUC organization, becoming an incredibly faithful member of the Communications Committee racking up an impressive record of consecutive attendance; and

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner Ness demonstrated her political acumen by selecting two intelligent and political savvy common carrier assistants - Jim "Competition" Casserly, and of course, Jordan "the Man" Goldstein (who also, under Commissioner Ness's gentile prodding - also racked impressive records of NARUC attendance); and

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner Ness chaired the critically important Federal-State Joint Board charged with addressing universal telephone service issues so important to her state commission colleagues; and

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner Ness actively promoted measures to advance competition domestically and globally, spur new technologies and services, expand economic opportunities, eliminate unnecessary regulation, and reduce regulatory uncertainty; and

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner Ness worked hard to facilitate delivery of advanced telecommunications services to the

classroom and community libraries, so that every child -- urban and rural, rich and poor -- can participate in the telecommunications and information revolution; and

**WHEREAS**, in recognition of her achievements, Commissioner Ness was chosen as one of four 1999 recipients of the International Radio and Television Society Foundation Award, received the Consumer Electronics Association 2000 Digital Television Leadership Award, and was selected as one of Electronic Media's "12 to Watch in 1997;" and

**WHEREAS**, She has also been honored by Women of Wireless and by the American Women in Radio and Television for her efforts on behalf of women. Rutgers University inducted her into its Hall of Distinguished Alumni in 1998, and Douglass College selected her as a member of the Douglass Society; now therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) convened in its 2001 Summer Committee Meetings in Seattle, Washington extends their sincere thanks to Susan for her dedication and continuous efforts to enhance regulation to benefit the public interest; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, That the NARUC Commissioners, Committee on Telecommunications, and the Staffs of the Separations and Universal Service Joint Boards extend their best wishes to Susan, commend her for her exemplary service, and wish her the best in her future endeavors.

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Sponsored by the Committee on Telecommunications

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