

Resolution Honoring Commissioner Thomas J. Dunleavy of New York

WHEREAS, *The fact of the matter is* Thomas J. Dunleavy has enriched the people of the City and State of New York and the citizens of the United States of America through a lifetime of exemplary public and private service; *and*

WHEREAS, Thomas J. Dunleavy recently completed a decade of service on the New York State Public Service Commission, having been appointed Commissioner on June 14, 1996; *and*

WHEREAS, Immediately prior to his appointment, Mr. Dunleavy served as Deputy Commissioner of the New York City Department of Information Technology and Telecommunications, formerly known as the Office of Energy and Telecommunications; *and*

WHEREAS, Before his work in city government, Mr. Dunleavy was President of WUI/TAS and Airsignal International, Inc., the personal communications subsidiaries of Western Union International, Inc., for 13 years; *and*

WHEREAS, Preceding his service as president of WUI's Domestic Communications Group, Mr. Dunleavy was Vice President of Marketing and International Relations at Western Union International, Inc.; *and*

WHEREAS, Mr. Dunleavy served with the United States Army Security Agency for three years in the Far East; *and*

WHEREAS, He graduated from Fordham University with a degree in marketing and did post-graduate work in finance and management at New York University; *and*

WHEREAS, Thomas J. Dunleavy was the driving force behind the creation of the New York City Mutual Aid and Restoration Consortium (MARC), creating a formal process by which carriers cooperate in restoring service following natural and man-made disasters; *and*

WHEREAS, The MARC process and Mr. Dunleavy's extensive personal efforts were critical to the rapid restoration of telecommunications capabilities in the aftermath of the September 11, 2001 attacks on the World Trade Center; *and*

WHEREAS, Thomas J. Dunleavy became a Member of the NARUC Committee on Telecommunications in 1997 and has served as a Vice-Chair of the Committee since 2001; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Dunleavy served for five years as a NARUC representative on the Federal State Joint Board on Universal Service, most recently as the Board's State Chair; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Dunleavy also represented NARUC on the North American Numbering Counsel and participated on the NARUC Inter-carrier Compensation Task Force and the NARUC Legislative Task Force, and chaired the NARUC Inter-Commission Emissaries (NICE) Task Force; *and*

WHEREAS, The breadth and depth of his contributions to society are suggested by the fact that Googling "Thomas J. Dunleavy" plus "Commissioner" yields over 10,000 hits, while the high quality of his contributions is evinced by the fact that only 40 of those hits include the word "respondent;" *and*

WHEREAS, Tom Dunleavy's modern record for Commissioner with the longest overtime tenure (five years and four months) easily bests the records for longest professional baseball game ending in a tie (26 innings, Brooklyn Dodgers v. Boston Braves, May 1, 1920); longest professional hockey game (Detroit Red Wings d. Montreal Maroons, March 24, 1936, 16 minutes, 30 seconds into the sixth overtime period); and longest men's singles match at Wimbledon (Pancho Gonzalez d. Charlie Pasarell in 1969, five hours 12 minutes, including 112 games), which all pale against the U.S. record for an overdue library book (Dr J. Currie's *Febrile Diseases*, checked out from the University of Cincinnati Medical Library in 1823 by an M. Dodd, was returned by his grandson in 1958); *and*

WHEREAS, As only the Irish can, Tom could tell colleagues from "net receiver" States that he wasn't going to support them and yet make them feel good about it; *and*

WHEREAS, He has always treated wearers of blue, red, gold, and even green badges with equal respect and true personal concern; *and*

WHEREAS, His associates in NARUC, the industry, and the New York PSC will miss his dedication to public service, his vast knowledge and experience, his ever-present Irish charm, and those twinkling powder blue eyes; *now therefore be it*

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC), convened in its 2006 Summer Committee Meeting in San Francisco, California, extends to the Honorable Thomas J. Dunleavy of New York its sincere thanks and appreciation for his dedicated and distinguished service to NARUC and the State of New York; *and be it further*

RESOLVED, That the NARUC Board of Directors wishes Commissioner Dunleavy the best of luck and continued success in his future endeavors.

Sponsored by the Committee on Telecommunications
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