

VI. TELECOMMUNICATIONS RESOLUTIONS

TC-3 Resolution Honoring North Carolina Commissioner JoAnne Sanford

WHEREAS, JoAnne Sanford has compiled a distinguished career of over thirty years of public service, including service with three North Carolina Attorneys General, practicing in such diverse and eclectic areas of the law as utility, environmental and Native American [Indian] law, also compiling what her colleagues believe to be a modern record of longevity of service as chair of the North Carolina Utilities Commission, having been appointed to that post by two different Governors, since taking office in 1995; *and*

WHEREAS, In addition to her service to the Tar Heel state, she has served NARUC as a member of the Telecommunications Committee and of its Board of Directors; as a member of the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) Board of Directors; as a member of the North American Numbering Council FCC Federal Advisory Committee; and as a member of the Federal-State Joint Conference on Advanced Telecommunications Services, in the latter capacity setting a record for longest period of service on a Federal-State Joint Board or Joint Conference without an officially-convened meeting; *and*

WHEREAS, It can now be revealed that the entire national debate over net neutrality was triggered by JoAnne's unsurpassed ability to suck up bandwidth through the generation of a massive, 24/7 flow of e-mail messages which single handedly was responsible for driving an unparalleled three generations of network upgrades in the telecomm infrastructure of the Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill area in the span of five short years; *and*

WHEREAS, While none of the utility executives will provide sworn testimony to explain the true meaning behind this strange practice, they assure all comers that Ms. Sanford's penchant for driving around town in a retro-styled PT Cruiser bearing the personalized license plate "A CAPONE" has nothing to do with the fact that the NCUC routinely issues orders which they cannot refuse; this despite JoAnne's penchant for inadvertently divulging heretofore classified and proprietary information from the bench, on the record, while presiding; *and*

WHEREAS, Among her many civic passions, JoAnne is a devoted advocate and practitioner of the preservation and restoration of historic homes in the Historic Oakwood section of Raleigh, with the result that her latest undertaking was placed on the Holiday Home Tour while work was still in progress, with the result that carpenters working on the project had to complete their efforts while Chair Sanford proceeded to decorate the house and change clothes for a meeting; *and*

WHEREAS, After (barely) surviving the departure of her only child, Charlotte, two years ago when she left home to go off to college, in typical pragmatic and nuanced fashion JoAnne has become among the most prolific investors in real estate in proximity

to Charlotte's school, necessitating frequent trips to the area for the purpose of overseeing her vast portfolio; *and*

WHEREAS, Chair Sanford has a love affair with commercial aviation, to the point that she purportedly misplaced her purse and was unable to produce suitable identification when scheduled to fly into the infamous Aspen Colorado airport to attend the inaugural Institute for Regulatory Law and Economics; but for her first international air travel experience chose to fly to Kampala, where hardy global travelers are greeted by the burned-out hulk of a hijacked plane which still sits beside the runway at the airport, purportedly having been set afire by irate passengers in response to the rigors of deregulated air travel; *and*

WHEREAS, JoAnne is legendary among her colleagues for her ability to get away with making what would otherwise be outrageous comments on the basis of her delivery of them in the gentle, lilting Carolina Piedmont drawl, as when a close friend and former Commissioner, hosting her on a boat trip and randomly grabbing a hat was greeted with the following Sanfordism: "You weren't thinkin' that hat looked good on you...?"; *and*

WHEREAS, Despite being saddled with what would doubtless be termed overwhelming flaws in other people, JoAnne is redeemed in the eyes of her colleagues because she has a winning spirit, a generous heart, a tireless devotion to getting it right, an insightful intellect, as well as being a supportive friend, a trusted colleague and confidant, and a respected professional whose grace has brought credit to her Commission and to NARUC; *now therefore be it*

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, convened in its 2006 Annual Convention in Miami, Florida, extends its sincere appreciation to Commissioner Sanford for her outstanding public service, her consistent good humor, her ability to build consensus on contentious matters, and conveys to her its best wishes for her future endeavors.

Sponsored by the Committee on Telecommunications

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