

Resolution Honoring Commissioner Clarence D. Rogers, Jr., of Ohio

WHEREAS, Governor Bob Taft appointed Commissioner Clarence Rogers in 2001 to fulfill an unexpired term and then to a full term later that year. When Commissioner Rogers' term expires in April 2006, he will close a long distinguished career with the State of Ohio as he moves into retirement; *and*

WHEREAS, His previous experience as a commissioner with the Ohio Turnpike Commission and as co-founder of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority made him well suited for the position of commissioner with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO). His career as a prosecutor, Assistant U.S. Attorney, and partner in Ohio's first black incorporated law firm helped shape his perspective of utility regulation; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Rogers received his B.S. in Business Administration from Kent State University and his law degree from Howard University. Commissioner Rogers is a member and former trustee of the Cleveland Bar Association and is a life member of the National Bar Association. He also is an Ohio State Bar Foundation Fellow. He was named one of the Best Lawyers in America for 2005-2006; *and*

WHEREAS, As a member of the PUCO, Commissioner Rogers has been involved with several regulatory committees. As a member of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC), he serves as co-vice-chair of the Committee on Consumer Affairs and is a member of the Telecommunications Task Force; *and*

WHEREAS, Since early 2004 Commissioner Rogers has been a member of the Utility Market Access Partnership Board (UMAP). Utilizing the standards adopted by the UMAP Board he took a proactive approach to promoting opportunities between diverse businesses and regulated utilities by creating the Ohio GATE (Gaining Access through Economics) Advisory Council, which he formed to help enhance business opportunities between Women-Minorities and Disabled Veterans Business Enterprises and regulated utilities in Ohio; *and*

WHEREAS, Ohio GATE has become a national model that UMAP intends to promote as they carry the UMAP mission and standards across the country; *and*

WHEREAS, In the Cleveland area, Commissioner Rogers remains active in many community organizations. He is a life member of the NAACP, former member of the Urban League Board of Trustees, member of the Cleveland Children's Museum Board, and also served as President of the National Minority College Golf Scholarship Fund; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Rogers' experience as a certified labor arbitrator by the American Arbitration Association and Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, and the private practice of law have trained him to carefully consider the relevant issues of matters before coming to a decision; *and*

WHEREAS, After five careers, and a total of over 39 years of both private and public service, Commissioner Rogers has earned the right to retire, become reacquainted with his bass guitar and work on his golf game; *now therefore be it*

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC), convened in its February 2006 Winter Meetings in Washington, D.C., hereby extends its best wishes to Commissioner Rogers and hopes for success and happiness in all future endeavors.

Sponsored by the Committee on Consumer Affairs and the Utility Market Access Partnership Board

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