

Resolution Honoring Barbara J. Combs

WHEREAS, Barbara J. Combs retired from the Oregon Public Utility Commission just short of her 25th anniversary of public service; *and*

WHEREAS, Barbara Combs filled many positions and carried many responsibilities over the years in both energy and telecom and was literally a one-person division at the Oregon PUC; *and*

WHEREAS, Dr. Combs has been very active in NARUC and has always been the one to raise her hand when a volunteer was needed for a difficult task; *and*

WHEREAS, Dr. Combs created the finest table tent thus far displayed at a NARUC Staff Telecommunications meeting; *and*

WHEREAS, Dr. Combs has a PhD. in psychology, which helped her deal with the twisted personalities of certain NARUC Staff Telecommunication committee and subcommittee members; *and*

WHEREAS, Dr. Combs' hat and backpack were the only constants in the turmoil that is the telecommunications industry; *and*

WHEREAS, Dr. Combs "was the brains behind the Queen's act" according to Joan Smith, former Chair of the Oregon Commission and Chair of the NARUC Telecommunications Committee; *and*

WHEREAS, Dr. Combs is a superb and accomplished writer and editor. Barbara kept the minutes for the Telecommunications committee for over five years and reading her notes was better than actually being on the call; *and*

WHEREAS, Dr. Combs has become an expert in ornithology and is known throughout the United States as an accomplished birder and aviarian; *and*

WHEREAS, Dr. Combs has gone bird watching on all seven continents and throughout the U.S., Australia, Thailand and Brazil and plans to continue this hobby after retirement; *and*

WHEREAS, Dr. Combs has had her photography of bird activity published by the Oregon Breeding Bird Atlas; *now therefore be it*

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Commissioners (NARUC) convened in its March 2004 Winter Meeting in Washington, D.C., offers its sincere thanks for the dedication, vision, and distinguished public service of Barbara J. Combs; *and be it further*

RESOLVED, There is a doctor named Combs, Who filled her office with tomes.
 She's a master of words, She catalogues birds.
 Now there's time to visit their homes; *and be it further*

RESOLVED, That the NARUC Board of Directors wishes Barbara J. Combs the "best" that life has to offer, which is only fair considering that she has always done her "best" on our behalf.

Sponsored by the Committee on Telecommunications
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