

Resolution Honoring Florida Public Service Commissioner Lila Jaber

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**WHEREAS**, Florida Public Service Commissioner Lila Jaber was appointed to serve on the Federal State Joint Conference on Advanced Telecommunications Services (706 Joint Conference) and became the second State Chair of the Conference; and

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner Jaber went from thinking that "Broadband" was a nickname for the "Dixie Chicks" to being considered an expert on advanced services and evolving technologies; and

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner Jaber has developed disdain for people who use low baud rates, can't multitask, or think that fat pipe has anything to do with the diameter of the wire; and

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner Jaber has stopped saying "phone number" and has replaced it with "voice number," since the majority of phone lines in her house are plugged into contraptions that talk to other contraptions; and

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner Jaber owns a set of itty bitty screwdrivers, knows where they are and can actually use them under the hood of a PC; and

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner Jaber rotates her screen saver more frequently than she does her automobile tires; and

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner Jaber has honed her managerial style, to the degree that she was once overheard telling the staff chair of the committee "I didn't say it was your fault. I said I

was going to blame it on you"; and

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner Jaber's work ethic was a driving force behind the many accomplishments of the conference, such as field hearings, conducting the Broadband Summits, drafting of comments and a take rate study, and the refinement of the web site on advanced services; and

**WHEREAS**, NARUC recognizes that Commissioner Jaber's outstanding performance as the Chair of the 706 Joint Conference and her demonstration of insight and innovation ensured that the Conference continued to be successful; and

**WHEREAS**, Lila's success with this Federal/State effort highlighted the fact that the individual States will be pivotal in the promotion of broadband deployment to all Americans; and

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner Jaber's office and staff, especially Maria Woodward, were always open to NARUC and the other State commissioners in the work of the Conference; and

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner Jaber has always conducted herself in a manner that truly distinguished her service to the regulatory community, commission, and the citizens of Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner Jaber's professionalism, passion, and persuasiveness were important assets in the work of the Federal State Joint Conference; and therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners convened in its February 2003 Winter Meeting in Washington, D.C., extends its congratulations and sincere appreciation to Commissioner Lila

Jaber for her exemplary service as the State Chair of the 706 Federal/State Joint Conference and for all her efforts to effect the goals of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 to promote the timely deployment of advanced telecommunications services to all Americans.

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