

Resolution Honoring Alaska Regulatory Commissioner Nan Thompson

WHEREAS, Alaska Regulatory Commissioner Nan Thompson was appointed to serve on the Federal-State Joint Conference on Delivery of Advanced Services (706 Joint Conference) in November 1999 by fellow alum Bill Kennard (both graduated from Stanford in 1978) and became the first State Chair of this Conference; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Thompson has made significant contributions to the regulatory community, to NARUC and to the public interests of the people of the United States during her tenure as a State Chair of the 706 Conference; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Thompson's training as a long time board member of the Salvation Army provided her excellent training as she often times provided both salvation and a sense of army like intensity for the Conference members; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Thompson's leadership as president and board member of the Boys and Girls Campfire group proved invaluable as she "lit a fire" among both Federal and State regulators about the importance of broadband deployment to all Americans; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Thompson's calm studied demeanor was a driving force behind the many accomplishments of the conference, such as the many field hearings across the country, the development of a useful web site on advanced services, and the cooperation of all stakeholders in the deployment debate; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Thompson, through these activities, has accumulated an impressive amount of frequent flyer miles along with numerous inquiries from her five children regarding the status of her career as a "traveling salesman" and incessant questions about her relationship with "License Plate Man"; and

WHEREAS, NARUC commends Chairman Thompson's outstanding performance of the duties as Chair of the 706 Joint Conference and her demonstration of foresight and innovation to ensure that the Conference was successful; and

WHEREAS, Her success with this Federal / State effort highlighted the fact that States play a strong role in implementation of the Telecommunications Act and the critical importance of coordinated State-FCC action; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Thompson's office and staff were always open to NARUC and other State Commissioners in the development of the Conference; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Thompson has always conducted herself in a manner that truly distinguished her service to the regulatory community, the Commission, and the citizens of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Thompson's intellect, integrity, and inspiration proved critically important in the development of the Federal-State Joint Conference; and therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) convened in its November 2001

113th Annual Convention in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, extends hearty congratulations and its sincere thanks to Commissioner Nan Thompson for her distinguished public service as the State Chair of the 706 Federal / State Joint Conference and for her dedication and continuous efforts to enhance the deployment of advanced telecommunication service to all Americans.

Sponsored by the Committee on Telecommunications.
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