

Resolution Supporting H.R. 1973, the “Water for the Poor Act of 2005”

WHEREAS, Congress passed H.R. 1973, the “Water for the Poor Act of 2005;” *and*

WHEREAS, The President signed the bill into law on December 1, 2005; *and*

WHEREAS, The purpose of this bill is to make access to safe water and sanitation for developing countries a specific policy objective of the United States foreign assistance programs; *and*

WHEREAS, Providing safe supplies of water and sanitation and hygiene improvements would save millions of lives by reducing the prevalence of waterborne diseases; *and*

WHEREAS, H.R. 1973, amends the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2151, *et seq.*) to provide assistance to expand access to safe water and sanitation, promote integrated water resource management and improved hygiene for people around the world; *and*

WHEREAS, H.R. 1973, further amends the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 by adding a provision that promotes affordability and equity in the provision of access to Safe Water and Sanitation for the very poor and other vulnerable populations; *now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC), convened at its 2007 Winter Meetings in Washington, D.C., supports the government’s efforts and federal funding to achieve the goals contained in H.R. 1973; *and be it further*

RESOLVED, That the Committees on Water and International Relations stand ready to assist to governments’ efforts to achieve the goals contained in H.R. 1973.

Sponsored by the Committee on Water

Adopted by the NARUC Board of Directors February 21, 2007