

Resolution Honoring Dr. Robert F. Ichord, Jr.

WHEREAS, Dr. Robert F. Ichord, Jr. served as Chief of Energy and Infrastructure in the Bureau for Europe and Eurasia, U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) from December 1990 to November 2011; *and*

WHEREAS, For the past 20 years Dr. Ichord has played a leading role in U.S. Government policy and program development with respect to electric power restructuring and regulatory reform in Europe and Eurasia and issues related to energy security, supply diversification, nuclear safety and global climate change and since 2004 has been the US Government Representative to the Athens Energy Community; *and*

WHEREAS, In his capacity in the Bureau for Europe and Eurasia he has actively promoted the advancement of energy regulation in the region, substantially through his support of the peer-to-peer knowledge transfer that NARUC member commissioners and commission staff have provided under the NARUC/USAID Cooperative Agreements through creation of the Energy Regulators Regional Association (ERRA), bilateral regulatory partnerships and other sub-regional projects; *and*

WHEREAS, Dr. Ichord has helped bridge the gap between energy regulators and utility representatives in the Europe and Eurasia region by supporting activities, including several implemented by NARUC, that brought stakeholders together to address uniform system of accounts, market monitoring, renewable energy, energy efficiency and energy security; *and*

WHEREAS, U.S. Commissioners, State commission staff and NARUC staff have enjoyed quality discussions with Bob on “all things energy” while sampling delightful (and sometimes adventurous) local cuisine throughout the Europe and Eurasia region; *and*

WHEREAS, Dr. Ichord was previously Chief of Energy and Natural Resources in the Asia, Near East and Europe Bureau at USAID; *and*

WHEREAS, Prior to joining USAID’s Bureau for Asia in 1978, he was point man for energy and developing countries at the U.S. Department of Energy; *and*

WHEREAS, Dr. Ichord began his government career in 1976 with the Energy Research and Development Administration; *and*

WHEREAS, He holds a B.A. from Denison University in International Relations (1969); a M.A.L.D. in International Development from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University (1971); and a Ph.D. in Political Science from the University of Hawaii (1975), where he was awarded a fellowship from the East-West Center Technology and Development Institute; *and*

WHEREAS, His Ph.D. dissertation was on Petroleum Development in Southeast Asia. He has authored numerous articles on energy and development, including a book on Indonesia’s Energy Policy; *now, therefore be it resolved*

RESOLVED, That the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, convened at its 2011 Annual Meeting in St. Louis, Missouri, extends its congratulations to Dr. Ichord in his new role as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Energy Transformation in the Energy Bureau of the Department of State; *and be it further*

RESOLVED, That NARUC members and staff look forward to continued coordination with Dr. Ichord as he further promotes U.S. Government efforts in electricity markets, energy efficiency, renewable and other energy alternatives; *and be it further*

RESOLVED, That NARUC extends its sincere appreciation to Bob Ichord for his dedicated public service and conveys to him its best wishes for all his future endeavors.

Sponsored by the Committee on International Relations

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