Resolution Honoring Commissioner Mark David Goss

WHEREAS, Mark David Goss has served with distinction as a member and Chairman of the Kentucky Public Service Commission; and

WHEREAS, Chairman Goss is a native of Harlan, Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, Chairman Goss received a B.A. degree from Transylvania University; and

WHEREAS, Chairman Goss received a J.D. degree from the University of Tennessee College of Law; and

WHEREAS, Chairman Goss practiced law in Harlan with the firm of Goss and Goss; and

WHEREAS, Chairman Goss is the fourth generation of his family to have practiced law in Harlan; and

WHEREAS, Chairman Goss’ law practice was focused on litigation; and

WHEREAS, Chairman Goss routinely appeared in the State and federal courts and before administrative agencies; and

WHEREAS, Chairman Goss appeared before the Kentucky Court of Appeals, the Kentucky Supreme Court, and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit during his career as a practicing attorney; and

WHEREAS, Chairman Goss also developed expertise in banking, corporate, probate, and real estate law during his career in the private practice; and

WHEREAS, Chairman Goss was an active supporter of industrial development and educational improvement in the community in which he lived; and

WHEREAS, Chairman Goss has served on the Harlan County Industrial Development Commission and the Harlan County Judicial Center Planning Committee; and

WHEREAS, Chairman Goss has served as Chairman of the Buildings and Facilities Committee of the Harlan Independent School System; and

WHEREAS, Chairman Goss has served as a member of the Board of Directors of the Bank of Harlan and as a deacon in the Harlan Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, Chairman Goss was appointed Chairman of the Kentucky Public Service Commission by Governor Ernie Fletcher in February 2004; and

WHEREAS, Governor Fletcher appointed Chairman Goss to a second term as Chairman of the Kentucky Public Service Commission in June 2007; and

WHEREAS, Chairman Goss was active in regional and national regulatory matters; and
WHEREAS, Chairman Goss served as President of the Southeastern Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners and as a member of the Board of Directors of the Mid-Atlantic Conference of Regulatory Utility Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, Chairman Goss served as a member of the Board of Directors of the Organization of MISO States; and

WHEREAS, Chairman Goss served as a member of the Board of Directors, a member of the Executive Committee, and Secretary of the Organization of PJM States; and

WHEREAS, Chairman Goss served as a member of the National Coal Council and the Advanced Coal Technology Advisory Group of the U.S. Department of Energy; and

WHEREAS, Chairman Goss was an active and involved member of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, Chairman Goss served as a member of the NARUC Committee on Electricity and the NARUC Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, Chairman Goss served as Chairman of the NARUC Subcommittee on Clean Coal and Carbon Sequestration; and

WHEREAS, Chairman Goss exemplifies the maxim that service to the public is among the highest callings available to any person; and

WHEREAS, Chairman Goss is widely respected for his knowledge of regulatory issues, his ability to clearly articulate the positions in which he believes, and his moderate and balanced approach to the resolution of complex issues; and

WHEREAS, Chairman Goss is universally liked for his humility, his charitable spirit, and his constant good humor; and

WHEREAS, Chairman Goss has resigned his position as Chairman of the Kentucky Public Service Commission in order to return to the private sector; and

WHEREAS, Chairman Goss’ NARUC colleagues have enjoyed the opportunity to work with him and wish him well; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, convened at its 2008 Summer Meetings in Portland, Oregon, expresses its gratitude to Chairman Goss for his distinguished career in public service and offers him its best wishes for success and happiness in all his future endeavors.

Sponsored by the Committee on Electricity
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