WHEREAS, Rowland Curry has faithfully represented the Texas Public Utility Commission on NARUC’s Telecommunications Staff Subcommittee, NARUC’s Subcommittee on Service Quality, the FCC State Separations Joint Board, the Universal Service Joint Board, the Alaska Joint Board, the Joint Conference on ONA, the National Conference of Regulatory Engineers - acting as an at-large self appointed Texas ambassador of good will and "modern" dance in numerous speak-easy's in every state in the country, for a combined "plethora of years" (translation - he's been here so long - no witnesses survive - but we're pretty sure he was there when the foundation was poured); and

WHEREAS, Rumor has that Rowland worked for GTE and, and, company officials claim, that many of the current service quality problems in Texas are the direct result of Rowland's engineering prowess; and

WHEREAS, Rowland has consistently and diligently used his Texas tracking and range-enhanced sighting skills to discover the darkest bars and loudest bands and, thus, knows at least one good bar and dance hall in every major city in the US and, it seems, most of the minor ones as well; and

WHEREAS, In spite of the fact that he's an engineer, Rowland has consistently, and, surprisingly, also very effectively, represented the interests of the citizens of Texas - taking on all comers foolish enough to get in his way; and

WHEREAS, Rowland is believed to have gotten at least one pig
to fly through his deft arbitration work in Texas; and

WHEREAS, His good humor, Texas hospitality and cooperative, can-do approach to finding solutions combined with his proven ability as a "cat-wrangler" has earned him the title of Trail Boss; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, We hate to see Rowland leave the regulator range, we look forward to working with him in the future and can't wait to see what new and startling things he will do next; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Telecommunications Committee and the NARUC Board of Directors expresses its sincere appreciation for Rowland Curry's hard work, thoughtful leadership and consistent dedication in his 25 years of service to people of Texas (and those other people unlucky enough to reside in the minor provinces of the United States) and wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

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