

Resolution Honoring President Jim Sullivan of Alabama

WHEREAS, President James (Jim) Sullivan was first appointed to the Alabama Public Service Commission beginning in 1983, repeatedly elected as its President, and served continuously from that time until 2008 when he chose not to seek re-election to office; *and*

WHEREAS, President Sullivan is an alumnus of the University of Mississippi, where he received his B.A. degree in Business Administration in 1969, and subsequently received his M.A. degree in Banking and Finance from the University of Alabama in 1969, and then also earned his *Juris Doctor* in 1973 from the University of Alabama; *and*

WHEREAS, President Sullivan served the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) as its President during 1998-1999, its First Vice-President during 1997-1998, and its Second Vice-President during 1996-1997 with dynamic leadership and integrity; *and*

WHEREAS, During his term on the Alabama Public Service Commission, President Sullivan also served on the NARUC Board of Directors, as Chair of the Committee on Critical Infrastructure, as a member of the Committee on Electricity, President of NARUC's Southeastern Regional Conference, the Board of Governors member for Argonne National Laboratory at the University of Chicago, the Advisory Council of the Center for Strategic and International Studies, the Advisory Council for the Electric Power Research Institute, the Advisory Board of the Institute of Nuclear Power Operations, as a member of the Keystone Energy Board, the Advisory Board of the National Regulatory Research Institute, and the Advisory Board of the Nuclear Electric Insurance Limited; *and*

WHEREAS, This term of public service began on February 2, 1983, and lasted 25 years, the longest tenure of a Public Service Commissioner today; *and*

WHEREAS, During this term of service Alabama ratepayers enjoyed unprecedented prosperity with regard to rate decreases and improvements of service, in large part due to their repeatedly electing by wide margins a most capable steward of the utility sector of the Alabama economy; *and*

WHEREAS, During President Sullivan's tenure as Chair, NARUC's Committee on Critical Infrastructure continued to grow in stature in addressing utility security and reliability issues, grew in membership expertise, and exerted valuable influence on energy, water, and telecommunications utility security issues; *and*

WHEREAS, As Chair of the Committee on Critical Infrastructure President Sullivan created new relationships and partnerships with the Departments of Energy and Homeland Security; *and*

WHEREAS, As a vocal member of the Electricity Committee, President Sullivan helped States contend with new resource choices and market changes with unparalleled insight; *and*

WHEREAS, As President of NARUC, President Sullivan's leadership and commitment to the public good kept united an association of States debating fundamental roles of regulators in the debates over restructuring; *and*

WHEREAS, as President of NARUC, President Sullivan was noted for his strong leadership and successful rapport with his Committee colleagues, NARUC members, congressional members and staff, and federal agency commissioners and staff; *and*

WHEREAS, President Sullivan was always appreciated for the forthright expression of his views, his willingness to explore problems, and his resourcefulness in finding solutions to difficult issues; *and*

WHEREAS, President Sullivan's commitment to bi-partisan cooperation, open debate and appreciation of different viewpoints extended to his service as both a Democratic commissioner and also later a Republican one; *and*

WHEREAS, The organization will suffer for losing President Sullivan's extensive and unparalleled understanding of the nuances of SEC Basketball, and the accompanying insights offered freely each March to members of the Collegiate Basketball-interested NARUC staffers who may (or may not) have a financial stake in NCAA pools; *and*

WHEREAS, As a newlywed, President Sullivan has become eligible to receive all the well-meaning advice that the community of NARUC members can offer to a newlywed, which can and should be offered ceaselessly and at every opportunity; *and*

WHEREAS, President Sullivan's direct and honest approach, constant optimism, and ability to convey the broader perspectives will be greatly missed by the Committee, its Staff Subcommittee, and his NARUC colleagues; *now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, That the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, convened at its 2008 Annual Meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana extends and expresses its utmost and sincere appreciation and gratitude to Jim Sullivan by recognizing his outstanding public service, and conveys to him its best wishes in all of his future endeavors.

Sponsored by the Committee on Critical Infrastructure

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