Resolution Honoring Former FERC Chairman Joseph T. Kelliher

WHEREAS, Chairman Joseph T. Kelliher has been a member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) since November 20, 2003; and

WHEREAS, Joseph T. Kelliher served as FERC Chairman from July 9, 2005 – January 23, 2009; and

WHEREAS, Chairman Joseph T. Kelliher attended 61 FERC meetings as a commissioner, 39 of them serving as chair; and

WHEREAS, Chairman Joseph T. Kelliher dutifully served FERC issuing over 4,500 orders and 58 final rulings during his chairmanship; and

WHEREAS, Chairman Joseph T. Kelliher, along with FERC Commissioners and staff efficiently implemented the Energy Policy Act of 2005, the largest expansion of FERC regulatory authority since the 1930s; and

WHEREAS, Chairman Joseph T. Kelliher reorganized FERC to create the Office of Enforcement and the Office of Electric Reliability within the agency; and

WHEREAS, Joseph T. Kelliher as chairman of FERC, approved 7,400 miles of natural gas pipeline and authorized a 500% increase in LNG import capacity; and

WHEREAS, Chairman Joseph T. Kelliher produced a winning record of 77.5% in court cases where FERC rulings were at issue; and

WHEREAS, Chairman Joseph T. Kelliher, possessing an avid interest in history and historical battlesites, referred to his senior staff at FERC as his corps commanders; and

WHEREAS, Chairman Joseph T. Kelliher believes Machiavelli’s The Prince is an excellent management book; and

WHEREAS, Chairman Joseph T. Kelliher declares himself to be a Hamiltonian, following the ideals of Alexander Hamilton, George Washington's former military aide, who was appointed the first Secretary of the Treasury and whose image appears on the ten dollar bill; and

WHEREAS, Chairman Kelliher received his Bachelor of Science in Foreign Service from Georgetown University and his Juris Doctor from The American University Washington College of Law; and

WHEREAS, Prior to joining FERC, Chairman Kelliher served on the staff of Rep. Joe Barton (R-TX), the American Nuclear Energy Council, the Majority Counsel to the House Committee on Commerce, the Bush/Cheney Presidential Transition Team, as Senior Policy Advisor to Secretary of Energy Spencer Abraham, in addition to private law practice; and
WHEREAS, Chairman Kelliher was as actively involved with the NARUC Committee on Gas; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC), convened at its 2009 Winter Committee Meetings in Washington, D.C., extends and expresses its sincere appreciation and gratitude to Joe Kelliher and conveys its best wishes in all his future endeavors.

Sponsored by the Committees on Electricity and Gas
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