

Resolution Honoring "La Comisionada" Gloria Tristani

WHEREAS, FCC Commissioner Gloria Tristani, nominated by President Clinton in 1997 to the Commission, has announced, to the utter chagrin of her State commission colleagues that she intends to leave the FCC before the end of this year; and

WHEREAS, The granddaughter of the late U.S. Senator Dennis Chavez, who represented New Mexico in the U.S. Congress from 1931 to 1962, Commissioner Tristani comes from a family committed to serving the public interest; and

WHEREAS, Gloria has more than upheld the family tradition, in 1994, becoming the first woman elected to the New Mexico State Corporation Commission and serving as SCC Chairman in 1996, and as a valued member of NARUC; and

WHEREAS, While at the SCC, Commissioner Tristani actively advanced the interests of consumers, particularly in the areas of telecommunications and health insurance - playing an active role in implementing the 1996 Telecommunications Act at the State level; and

WHEREAS, In the health insurance area, she spearheaded the enactment of HMO and managed care rules and the New Mexico Mothers and Newly Born Children Rule; and

WHEREAS, Her SCC work resulted in the Governor of New Mexico naming Commissioner Tristani one of New Mexico's outstanding women of 1996; and

WHEREAS, In 1996 and later again in 1998, she was named one of the nation's 100 most influential Hispanics by Hispanic

Business magazine; and

WHEREAS, Her regulatory performance at the SCC, and nationally through NARUC, made her top the list of the Clinton Administration's candidates for the FCC; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Tristani is committed to making sure that all Americans - no matter where they live, what their age, or what special needs they may have - have access to the technologies that are driving our economy and shaping our society; and

WHEREAS, During her tenure at the FCC, Commissioner Tristani has been a consistent advocate of assuring telecommunications services remain affordable and accessible, accelerating broadband deployment to rural and other hard-to-serve areas, and fully implementing the "E-Rate" program, which provides discounted Internet access to schools and libraries; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Tristani has also been actively involved in other consumer issues, including slamming and cramming, children's exposure to TV violence, and competition in the cable industry; and

WHEREAS, As the only sitting FCC Commissioner with actual experience at the State level, Commissioner Tristani has provided irreplaceable insight to the FCC decisional process; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Tristani was a commissioner NARUC and its members could always count on to listen, and

even more importantly, understand the impact of FCC orders on State implementation efforts; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Tristani's move to the FCC did not reduce her support or attendance at the NARUC meetings where she served as a member of NARUC's Committee on Consumer Affairs; and

WHEREAS, The broad vision, leadership, dedication, and commitment to excellence that Commissioner Tristani brought to the FCC and NARUC will be greatly missed by her fellow regulators; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) convened in its November 2001 113th Annual Convention in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, offer its sincere thanks to our good friend and valued colleague - "La Comisionada" - for her distinguished public service to NARUC and the people of the United States, and conveys its best wishes for her future endeavors.

No es adios, Gloria, pero hasta luego nuestra amiga. We WILL miss you.

Sponsored by the Committee on Telecommunications.

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