Honorary Resolution for Commissioner James H. Cawley (PA)

WHEREAS, James H. Cawley was appointed to be a Commissioner at the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PUC) in 2005 by Governor Edward G. Rendell and was named Chairman of the PUC in 2008; and

WHEREAS, During his tenure at the PUC, Commissioner Cawley was an active member of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) and has served with distinction on NARUC’s Committee on Telecommunications; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Cawley represented the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on the Federal Communications Commission’s (FCC) Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service and was the Board’s State Chair; and

WHEREAS, In his role as a state regulator, Commissioner Cawley was a tireless advocate for the concept of “cooperative federalism” and maintained a strong conviction for protecting consumers in all utility areas, but in particular the telecommunications arena; and

WHEREAS, These qualities and leadership traits led Commissioner Cawley to be one of the foremost opponents of the ABC Plan and the FCC’s subsequent November 2011 Transformation Order; and

WHEREAS, His passion for football at the University of Notre Dame led to him to be the voice for South Bend, Indiana at NARUC meetings; and

WHEREAS, His relentless determination to keep the FCC in-check did not detract from Commissioner Cawley’s advancement of good regulation in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania that balanced the needs of consumers and utilities, while also ensuring that rates were just and reasonable; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Cawley ended his term at the PUC on September 30, 2015, and his colleagues and friends in the NARUC community salute him for a job well done; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, convened at its 127th Annual Meeting in Austin, Texas, extends congratulations and thanks James “Jamie” Cawley for his years of dedicated public service to NARUC, the citizens of Pennsylvania, and the United States, along with its encouragement and best wishes for success in the future; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Committee on Telecommunications expresses its sincere appreciation to Commissioner Cawley for his leadership and his many contributions to effective and purposeful regulation, and wishes him well in his next endeavors with family and friends in Pennsylvania.

Sponsored by the Committee on Telecommunications
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