Resolution Commending the Honorable John W. Betkoski, III for the completion of a Three-Year Term as Chairman of the Committee on Water of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners

WHEREAS, The Honorable John W. Betkoski, III has now completed a three-year term as Chairman of the Committee on Water of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC); and

WHEREAS, The Committee on Water, during these three years, has been an effective participant in all the affairs of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners as well as the Board of Directors of NARUC where as Chairman of the Committee on Water he also actively served; and

WHEREAS, The Committee on Water, under his experienced leadership and with his passion for water, has during these three years identified issues and changes in the Water Industry, passed resolutions supporting these issues sponsored by the Committee on Water as well as passing a resolution supporting the Public Health Security and Bioterrorism Preparedness and Response Act of 2002 that was jointly sponsored with the Ad hoc Committee on Critical Infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, The Committee on Water has continued to provide education nationwide through symposiums, rate schools held twice each year and other meetings, not only to discuss current issues but to offer treatment and some resolve to certain issues; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Betkoski serves as a member of the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency's National Drinking Water Advisory Council, and the American Water Works Association Public Council on Drinking Water Research and has participated in numerous meetings of these councils bringing his expertise and knowledge of the Water Industry to partake in discussions; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Betkoski was instrumental in obtaining a grant from the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency to partially fund the first National Drinking Water Symposium that was held in March of 2002, in St. Petersburg, Florida, and was co-sponsored by the NARUC Committee on Water along with the National Association of Water Companies, and the Association of State Drinking Water Administrators for the purpose of providing a forum designed to enhance coordination among the stakeholders of the Water Industry and to focus on the challenges facing the drinking water industry currently and in the future, and, due to its overwhelming success, a second Symposium was held in Colorado Springs, Colorado in October of 2003 and future symposiums will continue to be held every two years, and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Betkoski is the first and current Chairman of the Water Planning Council of the State of Connecticut as established in accordance with Public Act 01-177 to identify issues and strategies which bridge the gap between the water supply planning process and water resources management in order that water can be appropriately allocated to balance competing needs, while protecting the health, safety and welfare of the people of Connecticut and minimize adverse economic and environmental affects; now therefore be it
RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors of National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC), convened in its July 2004 Summer Meetings in Salt Lake City, Utah, commends the Honorable John W. Betkoski, III for the successful completion of his three-year term, his dedicated leadership and management of the Committee on Water and the Staff Subcommittee on Water and for his continuous efforts to enhance the regulation of water companies to benefit the overall public good; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the NARUC Commissioners, the Committee on Water, and the Staff Subcommittee on Water extend their best wishes to him for continued success in all his future endeavors.

*Sponsored by the Committee on Water
Adopted by the NARUC Board of Directors July 14, 2004*