

Resolution Honoring Jessica Zufolo

WHEREAS, Jessica “SW” Zufolo has, to the consternation and sadness of all her many dear friends and colleagues at State regulatory commissions and at NARUC, determined to set off for greener pastures at Medley Global Advisors; *and*

WHEREAS, Jessica lobbied Congress extremely effectively on behalf of the interests of the States and their public utility ratepayers; *and*

WHEREAS, Jessica was so resilient that when she was knocked down on a Washington DC street by an “unwelcome” automobile, she bounced back to work within 3 days; *and*

WHEREAS, Jessica carried the NARUC banner as a key player in the three year debate in Congress regarding the deregulation of telephone service pursuant to the Tausin-Dingell Bill and thereby helped kill a bill that would have harmed the ability of practically all of America’s telephone ratepayers to obtain just and reasonable rates and also infringed on the jurisdiction of State utility commissions to carry out their mandate to protect consumers; *and*

WHEREAS, Jessica strategized effectively to fight off attempts in Congress to delay the implementation of wireless number portability, which will allow cell phone users to obtain better service much more easily than in the past; *and*

WHEREAS, Jessica expended copious amounts of energy and passion to educate members of Congress on complex issues of economic regulation, and brilliantly orchestrated the efforts of State officials to achieve this goal; *and*

WHEREAS, Jessica is always unfailingly charming, courteous and vivacious in face to face encounters carrying out her politically sophisticated and challenging lobbying duties; *and*

WHEREAS, Jessica leaves behind a NARUC Washington Action Orient Express Program, a legislative lobbying program that is dramatically more effective than these programs were when she first joined NARUC five years ago; *now therefore be it*

RESOLVED, That the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners convened in its November 2003 Annual Convention in Atlanta Georgia, on behalf of all those in the State regulatory community and on NARUC staff who have been blessed with the good fortune to work with and get to know her, hereby applaud and commend Jessica Zufolo for the remarkably effective and excellent work she has performed on behalf of State utility commissions and the millions and millions of ratepayers they represent; *and be it further*

RESOLVED, That while NARUC expresses its extreme dismay at Jessica’s departure from NARUC, we nonetheless heartily and unreservedly wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

Sponsored by the Committee on Telecommunications

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