Resolution Honoring Commissioner Paul Kjellander

WHEREAS, Paul Kjellander was appointed to the Idaho Public Utilities Commission in January 1999; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Kjellander served as President of the commission; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Kjellander was elected to three terms in the Idaho House of Representatives, where he served since 1994 as a member of the House State Affairs, Judiciary and Rules, Ways and Means, Local Government and Transportation committees; and

WHEREAS, During his last term in office, Commissioner Kjellander was elected House Majority Caucus Chairman; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Kjellander also served as co-chairman of the Legislative Task Force on the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 and vice chairman of the Council of State Governments-West Smart States Committee; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Kjellander served as director of Boise State University’s College of Applied Technology Distance Learning, interim program head of broadcast technology, station manager of BSU Radio Network, director of the Special Projects Unit for BSU Radio, executive producer/newscaster for BSU Radio and director of the News and Public Affairs, and remains a successful artist; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Kjellander served on the Telecommunications and Consumer Affairs Committees; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Kjellander was appointed by the Federal Communications Commission to the Federal/State Board of Jurisdictional Separations and has served as its State chairman, where his most frequent question was “What did Joel say?”; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Kjellander earned his undergraduate degrees in communications, psychology and art from Muskingum College and holds a master’s degree in telecommunications from Ohio University; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Kjellander and his wife, Radelle, are the parents of Allison, Sky and Justus; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Kjellander has recently been appointed by Governor C.L. “Butch” Otter as administrator of the new State Office of Energy Resources; and

WHEREAS, His resignation from the Idaho Public Utilities Commission means NARUC will lose one of its most level-headed, personable, dedicated and hard-working members; and

WHEREAS, He spent one night in the President’s Bar in this building making fun of the obverse of every State Quarter issued to that date; and
WHEREAS, Since that night, the United States issued the Idaho quarter which has on its obverse the fattest peregrine falcon in the world; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, convened in its 2008 Winter Meetings in Washington, D.C., extends its sincere appreciation to Commissioner Kjellander for his outstanding public service and wishes him continued success in his future endeavors.

Sponsored by the Committee on Telecommunications and Consumer Affairs
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