

Resolution Honoring Porter Childers, Ambassador to NARUC

WHEREAS, Upon his birth on October 23, 1941 in St. Joseph, Missouri, the Porter Childers legacy commenced; and

WHEREAS, Porter started his career in telecommunications policy in 1965 at United Telecom Inc. in Kansas City, MO and worked there until 1985 as the staff director for federal tariff matters; and

WHEREAS, In September 1985 Porter went to work at U.S.T.A. initially as Director of Separations and Access, then later was promoted to Executive Director for Financial and Accounting Matters and in 1995 promoted to Executive Director for Legal and Regulatory Affairs; and

WHEREAS, Porter is one of the few people who remembers when "hot cut" meant a change from manual to dial tone; and

WHEREAS, Porter has graciously hosted hundreds of commissioners, staff members, and other NARUC meeting attendees in the U. S. T. A. Regulatory Affairs Room; and

WHEREAS, Porter has provided a clearinghouse of information useful to NARUC members in the course of carrying out their regulatory duties; and

WHEREAS, Porter has contributed significantly to an effective regulatory environment by adeptly facilitating communications between regulators and the regulated; and

WHEREAS, With no known assistance from Julia Child, James Beard, or Emeril Lagasse, Porter has consistently selected

menu items that would delight the palate of the most discriminating gourmet; and

WHEREAS, Porter has shared said menu items, ideas and jokes and invaluable insights with all NARUC meeting participants in an atmosphere of good cheer and friendship; and

WHEREAS, Porter Childers provided extraordinary personal support and common sense wisdom contributing to a consensus Rural Task recommendation; and

WHEREAS, Porter Childers not only understands, but demonstrated in his daily work that positive results for both consumers and the industry can be achieved through working collectively to find the common interest; and

WHEREAS, In a world too often dominated by thoughts of profit and competitive efficiency, Porter never lost touch with the importance of individual people who will be impacted by decision and actions; and

WHEREAS, Porter's loyal support has contributed to Virginia Tech's achievement of prominence in intercollegiate football; and

WHEREAS, Porter has expressed his desire to continue working in the area of telecommunications regulatory affairs; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners convened in its 2002 Winter Meetings in Washington, D. C., extends to Porter

Childers its hearty thanks for his endless contributions to a convivial and collegial atmosphere at the many NARUC meetings in which he has participated; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the NARUC Board of Directors wishes Porter continued success in his future endeavors and looks forward to working with him in the years to come.

Sponsored by the Committee on Telecommunications
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