Resolution Honoring Chairman William M. Flynn of New York

WHEREAS, William M. Flynn earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from LeMoyne College and a Juris Doctor degree from the University of Dayton Law School; and

WHEREAS, Chairman Flynn began his legal career as a prosecutor in Erie County, New York; and

WHEREAS, In the early 1990's, Chairman Flynn served as an Assistant United States Attorney in the Western District of New York; and

WHEREAS, Chairman Flynn served as executive assistant to Congressman Bill Paxton; and

WHEREAS, Chairman Flynn served as First Deputy Attorney General, Chief of Staff, and Special Counsel to New York State Attorney General Dennis C. Vacco from 1995 to 1998; and

WHEREAS, Chairman Flynn has served the people of the State of New York as board member of the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority, the New York State Environmental Board, the New York State Disaster Preparedness Commission, and as co-chairman of the New York Telecommunications Reliability Advisory Council and the New York State Board on Electric Generation Siting and the Environment; and

WHEREAS, William M. Flynn served as chairman of the New York Public Service Commission from February 2003 until December 2006; and

WHEREAS, While serving as Chairman of the New York Public Service Commission, Chairman Flynn was an active member of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, Chairman Flynn served as a Member of the NARUC Board of Directors and the NARUC Committee on Electricity, was Vice-Chair of the NARUC Washington Action Committee, chaired the NARUC Legislative Task Force on Telecommunications, and served as Secretary/Treasurer of the Mid-Atlantic Conference of Regulatory Utilities Commissioners (MACRUC); and

WHEREAS, Chairman Flynn was appointed by the chairman of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission as vice-chairman of the federal Joint Board on Economic Dispatch for the Northeast Region; and

WHEREAS, Chairman Flynn serves the greater community as a member of the Board of Trustees of LeMoyne College and the Board of Directors for the Council of Governing Boards of New York's Independent Higher Education Trustees; and
WHEREAS, Chairman Flynn has served his local community as chair of the Town of Bethlehem YMCA Board of Managers and as an active coach of the Tri-Village Little League and the Bethlehem Basketball Club; and
WHEREAS, Chairman Flynn is highly regarded for his intelligence, generosity, quick wit, and willingness to help out with numerous NARUC-related projects through personal involvement and staff assistance; and

WHEREAS, Chairman Flynn resigned his position as Chairman of the New York PSC in order to enter private law practice in November 2006; and

WHEREAS, Chairman Flynn’s associates in NARUC and the New York PSC will miss his dedication to public service, his knowledge and experience; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC), convened at its 2007 Winter Committee Meeting in Washington, D.C., extends to the Honorable William M. Flynn of New York its sincere thanks and appreciation for his dedicated and distinguished service to NARUC and the State of New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the NARUC Board of Directors wishes Chairman Flynn the best of luck and continued success in his future endeavors.

Sponsored by the Committee on Electricity
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