

Resolution Honoring Former Illinois Commerce Commission Chairman Charles E. Box

WHEREAS, Chairman Charles E. Box has been a member of the Illinois Commerce Commission since 2006; *and*

WHEREAS, Chairman Box has energetically utilized his membership in the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) to advance rational regulatory policy in the service of the citizens of both his own state and the entire country, his passion and commitment vaulting him to key positions in the organization including serving as NARUC's Treasurer, as a member of NARUC's Executive Committee, as well as on NARUC's Board of Directors, our Investment Committee, and our Audit Committee from 2008-2010; *and*

WHEREAS, A graduate of the University of Michigan Law School and of Dartmouth College, where he received his A.B., *magna cum laude*, in history, Chairman Box brought to the ICC not only his considerable intellect, and prodigious humor and wit, but also over 25 years of experience in the public and private sector; *and*

WHEREAS, Prior to joining the ICC, Chairman Box was elected Mayor of the City of Rockford, Illinois for three consecutive terms (1989-2001) - the first African American ever elected as chief executive of Illinois' second largest city – while also serving as a Trustee and member of the Advisory Board for the United States Conference of Mayors.; *and*

WHEREAS, Before becoming Mayor, Chairman Box served in Rockford's municipal administration as City Administrator and Legal Director; *and*

WHEREAS, Given his noted practice as Mayor of “beginning his day at City Hall before anyone else arrives and usually departing after the other lights have been shut off,” it is surprising that since 1977, i.e., the bulk of his professional career, the Chairman has always found time and additional ways to serve the public interest, as a member on several boards and commissions, including the Winnebago County Crime and Public Safety Commission, the Illinois Arts Council, the William S. Howard Charitable Trust; and the Illinois Municipal League (as Vice President); *and*

WHEREAS, Chairman Box still serves on the Rockford Bank and Trust, the Illinois Arts Council, the Williams S. Howard Charitable Trust, the Booker Washington Center, the Illinois Growth Enterprises, the Boy Scouts of America Blackhawk Area Council, the Illinois Children's Healthcare Foundation, the Visiting Nurses Association Senior Protective Services, M Team, and the Rockford College Board of Trustees and he also remains the Treasurer and Vice Chairman of the Illinois Children's Healthcare Foundation; *and*

WHEREAS, It is no surprise that Chairman Box has often been recognized and has received numerous awards during his career, including the 1991 Dr. Nathan Davis Award for Outstanding Service and Leadership, the 2001 Rockford Area Arts Council's Mayor's Art Award for Outstanding Contribution to the Arts, and the 2002 Edward Potter Lathrop Medal, granted by the Winnebago County Bar Association for distinguished public and professional achievement; *and*

WHEREAS, From 2008 to 2009, Chairman Box was also integral to the successful and ongoing bilateral regulatory partnership between the Illinois Commerce Commission and the Energy Regulatory Office of Kosovo, and, among other things, in December 2008, served as an instructor at the very first *Commissioner Training* established for Regional Electricity Regulators Association of Southern Africa; *and*

WHEREAS, In his newest endeavor, Chairman Box currently serves as Commissioner of the Illinois Human Rights Commission; *now, therefore be it*

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, convened at its 2010 Summer Committee Meetings in Sacramento, CA, extends and expresses its sincere appreciation and gratitude to Charles E. Box for his insights, his service to the people of the United States, the citizens of the State of Illinois, and to NARUC, and his unfailing humor, and conveys the association members' best wishes for continuing achievements in his new role at the IHRC.

Sponsored by the NARUC Executive Committee

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