Resolution Honoring Commissioner Geoffrey G. Why of Massachusetts

WHEREAS, Geoffrey G. Why served in the Massachusetts Department of Telecommunications and Cable as Commissioner from 2009-2014 and as General Counsel from 2007-2009; and

WHEREAS, Prior to joining the Department, Commissioner Why served as an Assistant Attorney General for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (2001-2007) and as an Assistant District Attorney for Suffolk County District Attorney’s Office (1998-2001); and

WHEREAS, During his tenure at the Department, Commissioner Why served NARUC with distinction as an active member of the NARUC Board of Directors, the Telecommunications Committee, the Staff Subcommittee on Telecommunications, the New England Conference of Public Utilities Commissioners (NECPUC), and vice chair of the North American Numbering Council (NANC); and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Why served as the NARUC delegate to the NANC, the Federal Communication Commission’s Federal-State Joint Conference for Advanced Services (706 Joint Conference) and the Communications Security, Reliability and Interoperability Council (CSRIC); and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Why served the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as an active member of several civic service and educational groups including the Asian American Lawyers Association of Massachusetts, Asian-American Commission, the Asian Community Development Corporation, the Massachusetts Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights, and the Boston College Law School Alumni Board; and

WHEREAS, On May 16, 2014, Commissioner Why entered the private sector, to the relief and praise of his colleagues; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Why now embarks on a new phase of his life – Big Law – and his own version of Boston Legal; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Why steadfastly supported Boston College athletics whether deserved or (mostly) not; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, convened at their Summer Committee Meetings in Dallas, Texas, extends it gratitude to Commissioner Why for his service to NARUC, Massachusetts, and the citizens of the United States and their best wishes to Commissioner Why in his future endeavors.

Passed by the Committee on Telecommunications.
Adopted by the Board of Directors July 16, 2014.