

Resolution Honoring Commissioner John E. “Butch” Howard

WHEREAS, Commissioner John E. Howard has served as Chairman, Vice Chairman, and Commissioner of the Public Service Commission of South Carolina over the past eight years; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Howard has recently served as Chairman and Vice Chairman of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) Water Committee and has been a member of the Committee for the past eight years; *and*

WHEREAS, Under his leadership, the Water Committee has addressed a number of important issues related to the quality of regulation and the value of water, including: best regulatory practices, small-system solutions, financial viability, sustainability, ROE and the regulatory compact, US EPA water quality regulations, and customer communication; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Howard has shown his dedication to public utility regulation through leadership and commitment to NARUC and the Water Community via membership in relevant associations, including the Southeastern Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (SEARUC), Water Research Foundation, Public Council on Drinking Water Research, New Mexico State Center for Public Utilities Advisory Council, and the Department of Homeland Security’s Water Sector Coordinating Council; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Howard has accumulated over 30 years’ experience in public service, including in such leadership roles as: Boy Scouts of America – VP of Programs and Recipient of the Silver Beaver Award; Girl Scouts of America – Board Member; Palmetto Touchdown Club – President and Program Chairman; Kiwanis Club of Charleston – President and Past President; Charleston Trident Chamber of Commerce – Chairman of Membership Committee; Charleston Advertising Federation – Board Member; Blessed Sacrament School Board – President; St. Joseph Parish Council – Member; St. Joseph Men’s Club – President; South Carolina Trucking Association – Member; South Carolina Trucking Association Safety Council – Member; and Greater Charleston Printers Association – Member; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Howard has directed the NARUC Rate School by way of inspirational leadership and an unparalleled enthusiasm for the students, faculty, and ever-increasing success of the program; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Howard has been awarded a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of South Carolina in Business Administration and later had the wise and good sense to marry his wonderful partner, Lady Pat, who has been a stalwart supporter and team player in all of the generous activities of the Howard household, including sharing their devoted Boykin Spaniel, Cocoa – South Carolina’s state dog – and their two pampered felines Howie and Higgins, as well as always cheering for the South Carolina Gamecocks no matter what the score of the game; *now, therefore be it*

RESOLVED, That the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, convened in its November 2012 Annual Meetings in Baltimore, Maryland, expresses sincere appreciation to

Commissioner Howard for his years of dedicated public service and his leadership within NARUC; *and be it further*

RESOLVED, That NARUC members convey their best wishes to Commissioner Howard in all of his future endeavors.

Sponsored by the Committee on Water

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