

***Resolution Honoring Robert M. Clayton, III***

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner Robert M. Clayton, III was appointed to the Missouri Public Service Commission in May 2003, and was appointed chairman on January 13, 2009; *and*

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner Clayton, as further evidence of his dedication to the citizens of Missouri, served as a member of the Missouri House of Representatives for four consecutive terms, from 1994 to 2002; *and*

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner Clayton received a Bachelor of Arts in History from Southern Methodist University and earned a Juris Doctor from the University of Missouri-Kansas City; *and*

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner Clayton was an active member of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners serving as a member of the NARUC Telecommunications Committee, as former chair of the Committee on International Relations, as a member of the Washington Action Committee, as a member of the NARUC Subcommittee on Education and Research, the Subcommittee on Clean Coal and Carbon Sequestration, and as a member of the NARUC/FERC Smart Grid Collaborative; *and*

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner Clayton's commitment to key telecommunications regulatory issues was apparent through his membership in various organizations, including serving as Chairman of the Missouri Universal Service Board, serving as a State member of the North American Numbering Council and serving as a member of the Federal-State Joint Conference on Advanced Telecommunications Services; *and*

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner Clayton also played a key role in promoting broadband issues in Missouri and at NARUC, whether through NARUC resolutions, the Commissioners' Report on Missouri Broadband Availability or participation in Governor Jay Nixon's "MoBroadbandNow" initiative; *and*

**WHEREAS**, During his tenure with NARUC, Commissioner Clayton served as the NARUC representative appointed to attend the Presidium of the Energy Regulators Regional Association of Eastern and Central Europe, worked with several members of the African Forum for Utility Regulation and offered presentations on energy regulation in Azerbaijan, Hungary, and before the Organization of Caribbean Utility Regulators; *and*

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner Clayton played a key role in developing the partnership between the National Energy Regulatory Agency of Moldova (ANRE) and the Missouri Public Service Commission, where he can still be heard saying "Ricola;" *and*

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner Clayton resigned his position with the Missouri Public Service Commission in July 2011 when he was appointed to the Missouri Court of Appeals, Eastern District; *and*

**WHEREAS**, It is unlikely that a judge with such beautiful locks can be found elsewhere, but a word to the wise – be sure to keep spare hair products on hand; *and*

**WHEREAS**, With his most recent appointment, Judge Robert Clayton returns to his hometown, where much like Tom and Huck, he will explore the banks of the Mighty Mississippi between Hannibal and St. Louis; *and*

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner Clayton is highly regarded as a dedicated, hard-working friend who will be greatly missed by his NARUC colleagues; *now, therefore be it*

**RESOLVED**, That the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, convened at its 2011 Annual Meeting in St. Louis, Missouri, expresses its sincere appreciation and gratitude to Robert M. Clayton, III and conveys its best wishes in all his future endeavors.

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*Sponsored by the Committee on Telecommunications*

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