

Honorary Resolution for Commissioner David Littell (ME)

WHEREAS, David P. Littell was appointed to the Maine Public Utilities Commission in August 2010 by Governor John Baldacci; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Littell served with distinction from August 2010 until 2015, presiding over more than 2,000 cases involving energy efficiency, distributed generation, and consumer protection issues, among others; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Littell served as an officer of the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Littell served as vice-chairman of the NARUC Task Force on Environmental Regulation and Generation (TFERG); *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Littell served as the Commissioner of the Maine Department of Environmental Protection from 2005 to 2010; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Littell served before that as the Deputy Commissioner of the Maine Department of Environmental Protection from 2003 to 2005; *and*

WHEREAS, During his tenure with the Maine Department of Environmental Protection, Commissioner Littell oversaw Maine's greenhouse gas reduction initiatives, energy and industrial permitting, wildlife habitat protection, and toxics reduction initiatives; *and*

WHEREAS, In his role as vice-chairman of NARUC's TFERG, Commissioner Littell used his multidisciplinary expertise, patience, adherence to facts over dogma, and unrelenting intellect to help the community of Commissioners navigate the most challenging conversation it has faced in years. His ability to forge consensus and find solutions that benefit everyone was at the core of a number of NARUC resolutions and actions on climate change and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Clean Power Plan; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Littell provided his expertise in service to the Eastern Interconnection States' Planning Council (EISPC) and chaired its Energy Zones Workgroup. Commissioner Littell's EISPC efforts resulted in the development of the flagship product of this multi-State effort, the Energy Zones Mapping Tool, which provides for the first time a map-based sense of the energy opportunities and challenges faced in the Eastern Interconnection; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Littell served on the board of the National Regulatory Research Institute, chaired the Environmental Council of the States' Cross-Media Committee, and on the executive board of The Climate Registry; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Littell was a partner at Pierce Atwood, Maine's largest law firm, until 2003; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Littell served his country as an intelligence officer in the U.S. Navy Reserves; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Littell earned his law degree from Harvard Law School, and his bachelor's degree from Princeton University; *and*

WHEREAS, In spite of this limited educational background, he seems to be a pretty smart guy; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Littell was named in 2010 a Distinguished Policy Scholar by the University of Maine; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Littell's commitment to the environment and fact-based public policy made him an invaluable resource to NARUC as a whole and the Committee on Energy Resources and the Environment in particular; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Littell's brilliance, kindness, honesty, openness, and sincerity made him stand out as a friend and trusted counselor to many, including the NARUC staff; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Littell's dapper similarity in appearance to a circa-1960's advertizing executive made him the lone search result when the term "Don Draper Doppleganger" was entered into google.com; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Littell's boisterous laugh and dry wit will be sorely missed; *now therefore be it*

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, convened at its 2015 Summer Meetings in New York, New York, honors David Littell for his years of public service and his numerous contributions to effective regulation and the preservation of the environment and wishes him well in all of his future pursuits.

*Sponsored by the Committee on Energy Resources and the Environment
and the Committee on Electricity
Recommended by the NARUC Board of Directors July 15, 2015*