

Resolution Honoring Daryl Bassett

WHEREAS, Commissioner Daryl Bassett was first appointed to the Arkansas Public Service Commission in August 2003; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Bassett received his Bachelor's Degree in Business-Public Administration from Harding University in Searcy, Arkansas, and attended the Merrill Lynch Securities Academy in Princeton, New Jersey; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Bassett had compiled a distinguished record of career accomplishment prior to joining the Arkansas Public Service Commission, including six years as Business Manager of the Urban League of Arkansas; ten years as an investment banker with First State Investments/Merrill Lynch; four years as coordinator of institutional finance with the Arkansas Department of Higher Education; three years as Policy Advisor for former Governor Huckabee in areas of economic development, higher education, workforce education and employment security, rehabilitation services and independent living; and State Budget Director; *and*

WHEREAS, As a NARUC member, Commissioner Bassett embraced opportunities to get involved, serving as President of the Southeastern Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners and as a member of NARUC's Investment Committee; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Bassett was an active member of the NARUC Committee on Telecommunications, serving as Co-Vice Chair; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Bassett was a Member of the Federal Communications Commission Diversity Committee and was also appointed by the FCC to the Federal-State Joint Conference on Accounting Issues; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Bassett has served as a Board Member of the Financial Research Institute Advisory Board at the College of Business of the University of Missouri, Columbia; as Board Members of Arkansans for Drug Free Youths; a member of the Board of Directors of the Little Rock Downtown Partnership; the Board of Trustees for the Arkansas Arts Center; and the Board of Arkansas Baptist College; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Bassett was well prepared to deal with the confrontations that arise in utility regulation by earlier encounters with razorbacks and alligators; *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Bassett has a well-earned reputation among his colleagues and his ability to locate and place himself in the company of attractive items at trade shows, including one memorable guest appearance at a booth on the floor of the NCTA show, captured for posterity in digital form on Commissioner Chong's cell phone; *and*

WHEREAS, Most of his male colleagues are best characterized as possessing two left feet on the dance floor, Commissioner Bassett is highly regarded by his female colleagues as – in the words of one such colleague – “one heck of a dancer and a genuinely nice man;” *and*

WHEREAS, Commissioner Bassett is highly regarded by NARUC and PSC stakeholders for his commitment to compromise and to crafting of “win-win” solutions, bringing that commitment to energetic leadership of the Telecommunications Committee and his enthusiastic presence throughout NARUC, a presence which will be greatly missed by the Board and his NARUC colleagues; *now, therefore be it*

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC), convened at its 2009 Winter Committee Meetings in Washington, D.C., extends and expresses its sincere appreciation and gratitude to Daryl Bassett and conveys its best wishes in all his future endeavors.

Sponsored by the Committee on Telecommunications

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