

Resolution Honoring Commissioner Betty Ann “Jersey Girl” Kane

Whereas Commissioner Betty Ann Kane was born and raised in Teaneck, New Jersey, graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Middlebury College, and received a Master of Arts (English) from Yale University, as well as specialized academic study in Telecommunications Regulation at the Annenberg School and in Investing and Finance at the Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania;

Whereas Commissioner Kane began her 44-years of public service when she was elected to an At-Large seat on the District of Columbia School Board in 1974 and served through 1978;

Whereas Commissioner Kane served from 1979 until 1990 as an At-Large member of the Council of the District of Columbia where, among her many legislative initiatives, she successfully sponsored legislation to reform the role of the Public Service Commission;

Whereas Commissioner Kane served as a Non-Resident Commissioner on the City of Rehoboth Beach, DE Board of Commissioners from 1992 to 2005;

Whereas Commissioner Kane served as a Federal Relations Advisor from 1985 through 2002 for a D.C. law firm, where she provided government relations and lobbying services for clients, specializing in domestic and international telecommunications law and policy, public finance, cable television franchising and regulation, and other local government issues;

Whereas Commissioner Kane was appointed as a Trustee to the District of Columbia Retirement Board and served from 1993-2002, including serving as the Board’s Chairman from 1998 until 2001, and the Board’s Executive Director from 2002 until 2005, where she led the agency’s transition from an investment board to a full-service retirement agency;

Whereas Commissioner Kane was nominated by Mayors Adrian Fenty and Vincent Gray and confirmed by the Council of the District of Columbia as a Commissioner on the Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia beginning in 2007 and as Chairman from 2009 through 2018;

Whereas Commissioner Kane served for 11 years as a member of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (“NARUC”), including as a member of the Committee on Telecommunications and as a member of the NARUC Board of Directors;

Whereas as a member of the NARUC Committee on Telecommunications, Kane has been known as the “go-to” Commissioner to sponsor resolutions that were guaranteed to elicit Committee debate, including 24 telecommunications policy resolutions that were adopted by the Committee on Telecommunications and the Board of Directors;

Whereas Commissioner Kane served as a NARUC representative to the Federal Communications Commission’s (“FCC”) Federal-State Joint Conference on Advanced Telecommunications Services for ten years beginning in May 2008;

Whereas Commissioner Kane was a NARUC representative to the FCC’s North American Numbering Council (“NANC”), appointed in 2008, and was the first NARUC representative appointed as Chairman of the NANC and served as the NANC's Chairman from October 2009 to November 2017, where she prodded the FCC to undertake the first competitive bidding process for the Local Number Portability Administrator's

(“LNPA”) contract in 17 years and which led to a new LNPA contract that saved consumers of wireline and wireless telecommunications services in excess of \$2 billion;

Whereas Commissioner Kane demonstrated her support for regional collaboration on multiple utility regulatory policy issues as a member and past President of the Mid-Atlantic Conference of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (“MACRUC”), including serving as Chairman of the MACRUC Telecommunications Committee;

Whereas Commissioner Kane promoted the development of a strong and innovative multi-utility policy research program for state utility regulatory commissions as the Chairman and Treasurer of the National Regulatory Research Institute;

Whereas Commissioner Kane demonstrated leadership on energy policy issues as a member of: the Eastern Interconnection States Planning Council; the Nominating Committee and the Virtual Working Group on Education, Training and Best Practices for the International Confederation of Energy Regulators; the Board of Directors of the Organization of PJM States, Inc. (“OPSI”); the Steering Committee for the Mid-Atlantic Distributed Resources Initiative; the National Council on Electricity Policy; and the Advisory Board to the District of Columbia Sustainable Energy Utility;

Whereas Commissioner Kane was appointed by former-Mayor Gray as a Member of the Mayor's Power Line Undergrounding Task Force for 2012 to 2013, where she promoted approval of a \$500 million public-private partnership, including adoption of legislation by the D.C. Council to authorize the Public Service Commission to implement a “pay-as-you-go” finance measure, to cover the costs to underground the local electric distribution company's most vulnerable primary feeders;

Whereas during Commissioner Kane's 11-year tenure as Commissioner and Chairman of the D.C. Public Service Commission, she voted on more than 5,256 orders, including orders that resulted in the mergers of the District's electric and gas distribution companies with out-of-District companies;

Whereas Commissioner Kane, through her outstanding leadership and advocacy, has made numerous and immeasurable positive contributions to the best interests of utility service consumers in the District of Columbia and nationally; *now therefore be it*

Resolved that the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (“NARUC”), convened at its 2019 Winter Policy Summit in Washington, D.C., expresses its appreciation to Commissioner Betty Ann Kane for her tireless service to NARUC, other state commissions and organizations, the District of Columbia, and America’s utility service consumers.

Sponsored by the Committee on Telecommunications

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