Resolution Honoring Miles Keogh

Whereas from 2005 through July 2017, Miles Keogh served as a loyal and dedicated staff member for the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (“NARUC”), in particular serving admirably for over a decade as the esteemed Director of the NARUC Research Lab;

Whereas during his tenure, Miles was a constant and fearless supporter of the Committee and Staff Subcommittee on Energy Resources and the Environment’s efforts to promote and bring legitimacy to effective environmental regulation in the utility space;

Whereas Miles was the key staffer working with the Committee on Energy Resources and the Environment to establish the NARUC Mary Kilmarx award recognizing individuals’ contributions to good government, clean energy, and environmental protection;

Whereas during his tenure, Miles was a proactive supporter of the Committee and Staff Subcommittee on Critical Infrastructure by pioneering and advancing solutions to utility security;

Whereas when the Environmental Protection Agency proposed complicated and controversial rules for regulating carbon emissions from existing power plants (also known as the Clean Power Plan), Miles expeditiously organized forums for Commissioners and Staff to learn and converse about the proposal;

Whereas during his tenure, Miles was an active supporter of the Subcommittee on Education and Research and provided thoughtful insight on the development of research and training to augment the value provided to NARUC members;

Whereas during his tenure, Miles was an active supporter of the Committee on International Relations, serving as the critical staff person working with NARUC members to establish the annual NARUC Award for Promoting International Cooperation among Utility Regulators and Development of Professional Regulation in Honor of Terrence “Terry” Barnich, former Chairman of the Illinois Commerce Commission (1989 to 1992), who was killed on Memorial Day, May 25, 2009, while working as the Deputy Director of the State Department office overseeing U.S. reconstruction projects in Iraq;

Whereas Miles’s work with the Committee on International Relations contributed to NARUC’s International Programs, in particular the USAID-supported Europe and Eurasia Cybersecurity Initiative developing cybersecurity energy strategy trainings and toolkits for regulators in the Black Sea region (Armenia, Georgia, Moldova, and Ukraine) to facilitate as a tool in helping to protect their energy sectors. His leadership on cybersecurity regulation has been lauded internationally, especially by U.S. and EU officials, and he is widely viewed as a pioneer in defining the role of economic regulators in cybersecurity and equipping commissions to be effective partners with utilities in constructing cybersecurity defences against an emergent and fast-evolving threat landscape. While his unparalleled intelligence and good humour will be greatly missed in the Europe and Eurasia region and across the U.S., his attempts at mastering Black Sea languages will be gracefully laid to rest;
Whereas Miles was instrumental in supporting projects such as the National Council on Electricity Policy and the Eastern Interconnection States Planning Council to organize themselves and develop bylaws and leadership structure;

Whereas Miles exemplified the innate value of convening people with disparate viewpoints and agendas and encouraging them to converse and develop consensus;

Whereas Miles used his unparalleled improvisational skills to develop interactive training programs for commissions such as the Energy Risk Lab;

Whereas Miles used his wit, humor, and ability to talk faster than an auctioneer to hold our undivided attention to his every word;

Whereas Miles led NARUC members on new avenues, prioritized the energy regulation community, and arranged celebratory dance parties;

Whereas Miles was a friend to many, genuinely empathizing when others had a concern or doubt, taking on responsibility when appropriate, and boosting their courage;

Whereas Miles generously mentored others at NARUC, commissions, and other organizations, developing the next iteration of regulatory leaders; and

Whereas Miles’s colleagues and friends recognize that this resolution only provides a glimpse of the compassionate, clever, and distinguished Miles Keogh; now, therefore be it

Resolved that the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, convened at its 2017 Annual Meeting in Baltimore, Maryland, extends its congratulations and thanks to Miles Keogh for his years of service to the NARUC community, along with best wishes for his future endeavors.

Sponsored by the Committee on Energy Resources and the Environment, Committee on Critical Infrastructure, Committee on Electricity, Committee on International Relations, Subcommittee on Education and Research
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