

Resolution Honoring Commissioner Ronald A. Brisé

Whereas Commissioner Ronald A. Brisé, was appointed by Governor Charlie Crist and re-appointed by Governor Rick Scott, serving seven years as a commissioner on the Florida Public Service Commission;

Whereas Commissioner Brisé’s current and final term expires on January 1, 2018;

Whereas Commissioner Brisé is a proud member of the self-described “Team Florida”;

Whereas Commissioner Brisé is admired and respected by his fellow Florida Commissioners—Chairman Julie I. Brown, Art Graham, Donald J. Polmann, and Gary F. Clark—for his calm demeanor, objectivity, kindness, and ability to make tough decisions with compassion, carefully weighing the outcomes for all parties;

Whereas Commissioner Brisé began his career as a respectable and well-regarded science teacher before his metamorphosis into a State Representative for District 108 in South Florida where he was also a member of the Florida House Energy & Utilities Subcommittee;

Whereas Commissioner Brisé has had a keen interest in utility-related issues since a utility transmission pole was practically installed in his front yard;

Whereas Commissioner Brisé served as the Executive Vice-President and Chief Operating Officer of IPIP, an international telecommunications firm based in North Miami, Florida (not to be confused with IHOP);

Whereas as evidenced by his involvement as a member of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) Executive Committee’s Board of Directors, Committees on Telecommunications and International Relations, Subcommittee on Utility Market Access, Chair of Telecommunications Act Modernization Task Force, and member of the Federalism Task Force, the Board of Directors for the Universal Service Administrative Company, the Intergovernmental Advisory Committee, and the Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service of the Federal Communications Commission, Commissioner Brisé has never met a committee he did not like;

Whereas Commissioner Brisé more than adequately represented the interests of NARUC while testifying before the U.S. Senate Commerce, Science & Transportation Subcommittee on Communications, Technology, Innovation, & the Internet, in support of improving the accountability and effectiveness of the Lifeline program;

Whereas as the former President of the Southeastern Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (SEARUC), Commissioner Brisé initiated and headlined the SEARUC College Tour Series to encourage college-aged students to consider careers in the utility industry;

Whereas Commissioner Brisé worked tirelessly to ensure public confidence in fairness of the regulatory process;

Whereas he was always dynamic, facilitating a collegial work environment with the goal of serving the public interest;

Whereas Commissioner Brisé through his hard work, active engagement, positive attitude, and selfless service has earned the respect of his colleagues in Commissions across the country, industry representatives, and Florida consumers;

Whereas he gladly participated in public events to help the public better understand the nature of our work and that we serve all communities as a whole, not just a specific few; and

Whereas Commissioner Brisé's incredible language prowess, as he is fluent in English, Spanish, and Creole, helped bridge language and cultural gaps and opened up opportunities for the Florida PSC with the public, making the process inclusive for all; *now, therefore be it*

Resolved that the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, convened at its 2017 Annual Meeting in Baltimore, Maryland, expresses its appreciation to Commissioner Brisé for his service to NARUC, the State of Florida, and American ratepayers.

Sponsored by the Committee on Telecommunications

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Adopted by the NARUC Committee of the Whole November 15, 2017