

Resolution Honoring Robert “Bob” Lake of Montana

Whereas Commissioner Robert “Bob” Lake was born in Ronan, Montana, and graduated from Ronan High School;

Whereas Commissioner Lake served in the United States Army from 1956 to 1958 and married Faithe 62 years ago;

Whereas Commissioner Lake spent 38 years in the animal feed business and owned a business in Hamilton, Montana, for 22 years;

Whereas Commissioner Lake has served as the Chairman of the Montana Chamber of Commerce as well as President of the Montana Chamber Foundation and has served on the Montana Lottery Board;

Whereas Commissioner Lake served in the Montana House of Representatives from 2003 to 2010, serving on the House Education Committee and House Rules Committee and as Chairman of both the House Taxation Committee and the House Ethics Committee, and was appointed to the Select Committee on Education Funding Lawsuit in 2005;

Whereas Commissioner Lake served in the Montana State Senate as Vice-Chairman of the Senate Taxation Committee and was a member of the Senate Energy and Telecommunication Committee and the Senate Education Committee;

Whereas Commissioner Lake was elected to the Montana Public Service Commission in 2012, representing District 4, and was reelected to the Montana Public Service Commission in 2016;

Whereas while serving on the Montana Public Service Commission, Commissioner Lake served as a liaison with the Bonneville Power Administration and was a member of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners’ Committee on Electricity;

Whereas Commissioner Lake served as Vice-Chairman of the Montana Public Service Commission from 2013 to 2014 and, again, from 2019 to 2020;

Whereas Commissioner Lake ended his term at the Montana Public Service Commission in December 2020 as Chairman;

Whereas Commissioner Lake brought kindness, compassion, and sense of humor with him wherever he went;

Whereas Commissioner Lake was a strong mentor to many staff members throughout his career, providing fair, common sense and practical advice; *and*

Whereas Commissioner Lake officiated the wedding of one of his Granddaughters in 2020; *now therefore be it*

Resolved that the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners convened at its 2021 Winter Policy Summit extends to Commissioner Emeritus Robert Lake gratitude and appreciation for his years of public service to the State of Montana and for his service to NARUC's Committee on Electricity, and memorializes here its best wishes for his future endeavors.

Sponsored by the Committee on Electricity

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