Honorary Resolution for Commissioner Emeritus John E. Howard of South Carolina

Whereas John E. Howard a.k.a. Butch Howard (referred to henceforth as Butch) was elected to the South Carolina Public Service Commission on March 4, 2004 and has served honorably and with distinction for more than 16 years;

Whereas Butch Howard served as Chairman of the South Carolina Public Service Commission from 2010 through 2012 and as Vice Chairman from 2008 through 2010;

Whereas Butch Howard served for eight years as a member of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners’ (“NARUC”) Board of Directors;

Whereas Butch Howard served as Chairman of NARUC’s Subcommittee on Education and Research from September 2015 to November 2019;

Whereas Butch Howard has been actively involved and instrumental in developing, expanding, and promoting NARUC’s Water Rate School since 2005;

Whereas Butch Howard Served as Chairman of NARUC’s Committee on Water from December 2010 to November 2012 and as Vice Chairman from November 2006 to November 2009;

Whereas Butch Howard was a member of NARUC’s Committee on Clean Coal and Carbon Management;

Whereas Butch Howard was a member of NARUC’s Committee on International Relations;

Whereas Butch Howard has been an active member of the Southeastern Association of Regulatory Commissioners since 2004;

Whereas Butch Howard is a former member of the Water Research Foundation, Public Council on Drinking Water Research;

Whereas Butch Howard is a member of the New Mexico State Center for Public Utilities Advisory Board;

Whereas Butch Howard is a former member of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Water Sector Government Coordinating Council;

Whereas Butch Howard is a member of the Electric Power Research Institute Advisory Committee;

Whereas Butch Howard is a member of the Financial Research Institute Advisory Board;

Whereas Butch Howard graduated from Berkley High School and received a B.S. in Business Administration from the University of South Carolina;

Whereas Butch Howard served honorably and with distinction in the United States Army from 1963 through 1966 and was honorably discharged with a letter of commendations;

Whereas Butch Howard served on the Board of Frankfort Area American Youth Activities when he was stationed in Germany;
Whereas Butch Howard has attended numerous regulatory trainings;

Whereas Butch Howard is the first Commissioner to earn the Certificate of Continuing Regulatory Training;

Whereas Butch Howard is the former Vice President of Programs, Southeast Regional Camp Inspector, and recipient of the Silver Beaver Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Whereas Butch Howard is a former board member of the Girl Scouts of America;

Whereas Butch Howard is the Former President and Program Chairman of the Palmetto Touchdown Club;

Whereas Butch Howard is the Past President of the Kiwanis Club of Charleston;

Whereas Butch Howard is the former Chairman of the Membership Committee of the Charleston Trident Chamber of Commerce;

Whereas Butch Howard is a former board member of the Charleston Advertising Federation;

Whereas Butch Howard is the former President of the Blessed Sacrament School Board;

Whereas Butch Howard is a former board member of the St. Joseph Parish Council;

Whereas Butch Howard is the former President of the St. Joseph’s Men’s Club;

Whereas Butch Howard is a former member of the South Carolina Trucking Association;

Whereas Butch Howard is a former member of the South Carolina Trucking Association Safety Council;

Whereas Butch Howard is a former member of the Greater Charleston Printer’s Association;

Whereas Butch Howard epitomizes the charm, class, and grace of a quintessential Southern gentleman (although at times difficult to understand due to his pronounced accent);

Whereas Butch Howard will complete his service as a member of the South Carolina Public Service Commission on June 30, 2020;

Whereas Butch Howard has created true and genuine friendships with so many people from all different backgrounds and walks of life that will be valued forever;

Whereas Butch Howard was and continues to be instrumental in developing and promoting NARUC’s educational path;

Whereas Butch Howard has been a tireless supporter of and advocate for NARUC and has gone above and beyond in furthering its mission; now, therefore be it

Resolved that the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, convened at its 2020 Winter Policy Summit in Washington, DC extend its gratitude to Butch Howard for his leading roles on NARUC’s Committee on Water and Subcommittee on Education and Research and for his continued efforts to educate new commissioners, and expresses its best wishes for his future endeavors.
Sponsored by the Committee on Water and Subcommittee on Education and Research
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