

***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 member 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.

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*Sponsored by the Committee on Water and Subcommittee on Education and Research*  
*Adopted by the Board of Directors on February 12, 2020*