

Honorary Resolution for Andrew Melnykovych of Kentucky

Whereas Andrew O. Melnykovych will, in March 2020, complete his service as Communications Director of the Kentucky Public Service Commission (“KY PSC”) and as chair of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (“NARUC”) Staff Subcommittee on International Relations;

Whereas Andrew began working at the KY PSC in 2002, and has served with distinction for nearly 18 years;

Whereas Andrew has been an active advocate for NARUC’s International Programs, and has served as chair of the Staff Subcommittee on International Relations for the past seven years;

Whereas Andrew has helped bridge cultural and geo-political divides as a true global ambassador, which culminated in his receipt of the 2019 Terry Barnich Award, which honors regulators who take up a personal responsibility to provide aid and expertise to our partners abroad;

Whereas Andrew has participated in numerous regulatory exchanges, focusing on issues of transparency, community involvement, public information, and media relations;

Whereas a native speaker of Ukrainian, Andrew has connected with the homeland of his parents through four trips to Ukraine, as well as participated in programs with Georgia, Nigeria, Kosovo, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Bosnia and Herzegovina, and Armenia (through the U.S. Energy Association);

Whereas Andrew has also coordinated visits to the KY PSC by delegations from Georgia, Armenia, Nigeria, Kosovo, Pakistan, South Korea, Russia, and Bosnia and Herzegovina, and has represented the KY PSC in exchanges hosted by the Louisville International Center for delegations from Russia, Ukraine and Jamaica;

Whereas before entering the world of utility regulation, Andrew was a reporter for The (Louisville) Courier-Journal and the Casper (Wyoming) Star-Tribune, and won several awards for his journalistic work, including the George Polk Award;

Whereas Andrew’s passion for birding is said to give him as much excitement and engagement as he had when presenting about effective tools for public consultation during a trip in Sri Lanka;

Whereas Andrew has been known to aid others in times of difficulty, particularly when his counterpart at the Kosovo energy commission slammed her Executive Director’s finger in a car door, prompting a trip to the emergency room and a formidable navigation through the U.S. health insurance system;

Whereas Andrew has been recognized as possessing extraordinary devotion to his work, so much so that two years ago, in a dramatic turn of events, he got hauled off on a gurney to the emergency room the night before the Committee on International Relations meeting and gave Chairman Danner quite the shock by saying, “It’s alright, I’ll be there tomorrow for the committee meeting” as he was wheeled away;

Whereas Andrew has been described by his colleagues as “a dynamic public information officer for KY PSC and all around font of information;” *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, extends its gratitude to Andrew for his

commitment to education and outreach, and thanks him for his service to both the national and international regulatory community.

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