CA-1/GS-1 Resolution Honoring Commissioner Betsy Wergin of Minnesota

WHEREAS, In 2008, former Minnesota Governor Tim Pawlenty was casting about to fill a vacant seat on the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission with somebody who embodied the virtues of Lake Wobegon "where all the women are strong, all the men are good-looking and all the children are above average"; *and*

WHEREAS, He quickly found and nominated that candidate in then-State Senator Betsy Wergin from rural Princeton, Minnesota. She certainly has a handsome husband, Richard, and, in addition to raising two above-average children of her own, she opened her home to several teenage foster children for over 17 years, not to mention her above average number of Crock-Pots; *and*

WHEREAS, Betsy demonstrated an exemplary level of public service as demonstrated by her tenure in the State Senate from 2003 to 2008, Sherburne County Board of Commissioners from 1995 to 2002, and her local Township Board from 1987 to 1994; *and*

WHEREAS, Betsy lived up to her billing as a strong advocate for the ratepayers of Minnesota by being a diligent participant in Commission proceedings where she was appointed vice chair in 2015 for her last year of service; *and*

WHEREAS, Betsy demonstrated the kind of qualities that maintain the excellent reputation of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) by being active in her community during her tenure on the Commission by serving on the Board of Directors for Northland Regional Hospital, Fairview Hospitals, Inc., and Elim Care, Inc. and by actively participating in her dearly beloved local church; *and*

WHEREAS, Betsy willingly added value to NARUC as an active member where she served on the NARUC Committee on Gas, the Washington Action Committee, and the Committee on Consumer Affairs; *and*

WHEREAS, Betsy serves on the NARUC Executive Committee for the Critical Consumer Issues Forum in addition to being a Committee Chair and on the Board of Directors for NARUC; *and*

WHEREAS, Betsy distinguished herself as a Commissioner regionally by her involvement with the Organization of MISO States, the Mid-America Regulatory Conference (MARC), and the Nuclear Waste Strategy Coalition; *and*

WHEREAS, In the midst of all of this public service, she has remained deeply involved in and loyal to her community, her faith and her family; *now, therefore be it*

RESOLVED, That the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, convened at its 127th Annual Meeting in Austin, Texas, honors Betsy Wergin on the pending completion of the regulatory phase of her public service, commends her many contributions to effective and purposeful regulation, and wishes her well in her next endeavors.

Sponsored by the Committee on Consumer Affairs and the Committee on Gas
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