

Resolution

DECEMBER 6, 2016

In honor of Commissioner Lisa Polak Edgar for her distinguished service to the Florida Public Service Commission (PSC); and

Whereas, Commissioner Edgar has faithfully served the people of Florida for 28 years, including 12 years as a Florida Public Service Commissioner, from January 2, 2005 to January 1, 2017; and

Whereas, Commissioner Edgar has the distinction of being appointed by three different governors (Governors Bush, Crist, and Scott) for three PSC terms, an extraordinary feat in today's highly charged political world; and

Whereas, Commissioner Edgar served as the PSC's Chairman from January 2006 through 2007. She led the PSC in adopting critical measures to strengthen the state's electric grid to better withstand severe weather events. Florida's storm hardening rules have since become a national model for cost-effective power restoration after storms, quickly returning businesses and communities to normal; and

Whereas, while PSC Chairman, Commissioner Edgar also spearheaded one of the first net-metering policies in the country, helping diversify Florida's energy mix and expand renewable energy sources. Since the rule's inception, customer-owned renewable systems in Florida have quadrupled and customer-owned generation has grown by 75 percent; and

Whereas, under Commissioner Edgar's leadership, the PSC initiated automatic enrollment for the federal Link-Up Florida and Lifeline Assistance telephone discount programs, working with the Department of Children and Families, on behalf of low-income Floridians. Florida's streamlined enrollment process became a model endorsed by the Federal Communications Commission and used by other states. As a result, millions of low-income Floridians—as well as qualified individuals across the nation—can better afford telephone service; and

Whereas, from January 2006 to January 2008, Commissioner Edgar was a member of the Florida Energy Commission and the Governor's Action Team on Energy and Climate Change. Recognized for her work and expertise in energy reliability, she was tapped to present Florida's Critical Energy Infrastructure in Coastal Regions to the U.S. Senate Committee on Natural Resources in 2008; and

Whereas, Commissioner Edgar rose to national prominence among her peers as an expert in regulatory policy, becoming the first Florida PSC Commissioner to serve as president of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, from November 2014 to November 2015; and

Whereas, during her career in public service, Commissioner Edgar served as Deputy Secretary of Planning and Management for the Florida Department of Environmental Protection from August 1999 to January 2005. She also served as chief environmental policy analyst in the Governor's Office of Policy and Budget, as a senior cabinet aide in the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, and as staff counsel and legislative analyst for the Florida Senate Committees on Reapportionment and Regulated Industries; and

Whereas, Commissioner Edgar received a juris doctorate from the College of Law at Florida State University, where she also received a bachelor's degree in political science, and is a member of the Florida Bar; and

Whereas, Commissioner Edgar is known for her intellect, her tenacity, and her resolve to work with people of all political and ideological persuasions; and

Whereas, Commissioner Edgar earned many titles during her Commission tenure, with, perhaps, the most befitting being, "Queen," as she wore her crown well;

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Florida Public Service Commission: That it commends Lisa Edgar for her dedicated and faithful service to the people of Florida; and

Be it further resolved that this resolution be presented to Lisa Edgar as a tangible symbol of the friendship, admiration, and gratitude of the Commissioners and the staff of the Florida Public Service Commission for her valued service.