



# Resolution

## Petition The Congress To Exclude Reenactment Of The "Fairness Doctrine" In Its Party Platform

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- WHEREAS** The "Fairness Doctrine" of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) formerly required all television and radio broadcasting licensees to present opposing views on controversial issues of public importance, and
- WHEREAS** The FCC repealed the "Fairness Doctrine" in 1987 based on its conclusion that the doctrine "on its face, violates the First Amendment and contravenes the public interest", and
- WHEREAS** The dramatic growth among communications media has rendered the doctrine unnecessary, and
- WHEREAS** Reinstitution of the "Fairness Doctrine" would reduce, rather than enhance, coverage of controversial issues by causing licensees to lessen their coverage of controversial issues, and repeal of the doctrine has promoted a healthy expansion of controversial issues programming, and
- WHEREAS** Reinstitution of the "Fairness Doctrine" would create the potential for politically motivated government intimidation of the broadcast media, and
- WHEREAS** Reinstitution of the "Fairness Doctrine" would present a grave danger to the free exercise of religion, and
- WHEREAS** The Democratic Party has made the codification of the "Fairness Doctrine" an objective of its Party Platform since 1984. Therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** That the National Religious Broadcasters calls upon Congress to repudiate the codification of the "Fairness Doctrine" in its 2004 Party Platform.



# Resolution

## To Renew A Commitment To Pray And To Work To Gain Full Access To All Electronic Media In Order To Present The Gospel And To Biblically Address The Social And Moral Issues Of Society

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- WHEREAS** The National Religious Broadcasters has been active in nonpartisan issues on behalf of Christian broadcasters, and
- WHEREAS** The Association has experienced success in defeating attempts to re-impose the so-called “fairness doctrine,” and
- WHEREAS** NRB has achieved fairness in music licenses, thereby saving Christian broadcasters millions of dollars in unfair fees, and
- WHEREAS** The Association defeated legislation in October 2002 that could have made the streaming of Christian programs on the Internet almost impossible due to grossly unfair music license fees, and
- WHEREAS** NRB played a major role in passing “must carry” legislation, which requires that Christian television stations be carried on their local cable television systems, and
- WHEREAS** The Association repeatedly mounted successful campaigns to get Christians to vote, including the immediate past national election for which Christians turned out in record numbers. Therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** That National Religious Broadcasters expresses deep appreciation to members who have been actively involved in these issues, without whose help success would have been less likely, and be it
- RESOLVED** That our work is not done, as major opportunities and challenges remain to achieve full access to the electronic media, including cable television, satellite television and satellite radio, and be it further
- RESOLVED** That NRB strongly encourages its membership to renew a commitment to pray and to work relentlessly to gain full access to all electronic media in order to present the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ and to biblically address the social and moral issues of our society.



# Resolution

## To Honor President George W. Bush

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- WHEREAS** The United States has been blessed to have President George W. Bush serving as its 43<sup>rd</sup> President with great integrity and honor, and
- WHEREAS** President George W. Bush has distinguished himself as the Commander-in-Chief of the United States Armed Forces, inspiring bravery and determination in America's efforts to eradicate the threat of terrorism, and
- WHEREAS** President George W. Bush has courageously embraced America's singular leadership role in the world, recognizing that freedom must be protected and the course of our nation must be directed from within, and
- WHEREAS** President George W. Bush has been a friend to the American family by working to implement programs that preserve and strengthen the family, and advocating tax relief that will allow Americans families to keep more of their hard-earned money, and
- WHEREAS** President George W. Bush has recognized the sanctity of life in all of its forms: moving to eliminate partial birth abortion; seeking to ban all forms of human cloning; and valuing human dignity among the healthy, the infirm and the physically challenged, and
- WHEREAS** During times of national tragedy and uncertainty the President has boldly proclaimed his reliance on the Lord and demonstrated a strong commitment to faith that has served as an inspiration to millions of Americans. Therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** That the National Religious Broadcasters, on behalf of the community of religious broadcasters, honor and express our profound gratitude to President George W. Bush for his godly, principled leadership and the renewed sense of moral purpose he has brought to the Office of the Presidency, and be it
- RESOLVED** That we recognize in all of the above that God has appointed President George W. Bush to leadership at this critical period in our nation's history, and give Him thanks.



# Resolution

## Membership

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- WHEREAS** The National Religious Broadcasters was organized in 1944 for the primary purposes of gaining access to the electronic media, promoting excellence in Christian broadcasting and providing opportunities for broadcasters to enjoy Christian fellowship, and
- WHEREAS** The membership has grown from a very few to a historic high of more than 1,500 member organizations, representing millions of listeners, viewers and readers, and
- WHEREAS** The Association has become a highly respected, influential and beneficial organization for Christian broadcasters, and
- WHEREAS** Numerous qualified Christian broadcasters, including churches and other organizations, could benefit greatly from NRB but are not members of NRB, and
- WHEREAS** The need for NRB has never been greater, and
- WHEREAS** It is desirable to broaden the influence of the Association with additional membership of quality Christian broadcasters. Therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** That in order to better carry out our Christian mission, the members of NRB will work together in active recruitment to grow our membership by the year 2008 from the present number of more than 1,500 member organizations to 3,000 member organizations.



# Resolution

## Prayer Support For The Armed Forces

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- WHEREAS** The members of National Religious Broadcasters recognize the biblical mandate to pray for those in authority, and
- WHEREAS** The members of National Religious Broadcasters acknowledge the steadfast acts of sacrifice and service performed by our men and women in uniform stationed all over the world, and
- WHEREAS** America is involved in a war on terrorism that carries with it the real possibility that some members of our armed forces may be asked to pour out their last full measure of sacrifice. Therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** That the members of National Religious Broadcasters support our Commander-in-Chief and the troops he leads, and be it
- RESOLVED** That we dedicate ourselves to uphold them in prayer and petition our great and eternal Lord for His protection of them in the days ahead.



# Resolution

## Television Access

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- WHEREAS** Religious liberty is the cornerstone of a free society, and
- WHEREAS** Our nation was built on the moral and spiritual values contained in the Bible and in the Judeo-Christian tradition, and
- WHEREAS** Such values have been under attack, and
- WHEREAS** Many cable television systems and television networks have censored programming which promotes such values, and
- WHEREAS** Cable television networks have denied access to networks and stations that promote these principles, which are the foundation of our nation and our culture, and
- WHEREAS** Many cable television providers and television networks are filled with programs that mock and ridicule Christians and Judeo-Christian values, and
- WHEREAS** Censorship of moral and religious values and the promotion of a culture that undermines the family, marriage and basic morality is inflicting grave harm upon our nation, especially its young people. Therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** That the Board of Directors of the National Religious Broadcasters do hereby calls upon all cable and satellite television systems to reverse this trend and stop promoting pornography and other programming that fosters immorality and the destruction of that which has been the moral foundation of our nation, and be it
- RESOLVED** That cable and satellite television systems include in their schedules those networks that promote spiritual, moral and ethical values.



# Resolution

## The Houses Of Worship Free Speech Restoration Act (H.R. 235)

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- WHEREAS** We are Christian communicators with a message that impacts the world, and
- WHEREAS** The current IRS code prevents our nation's houses of worship from exercising unfettered free speech, and
- WHEREAS** Our pastors must have the liberty to speak from the pulpit as led by the Spirit and not molded by government, and
- WHEREAS** Free speech restrictions limit the message we deliver as broadcasters through radio, TV, Internet and film, and
- WHEREAS** Congressman Walter Jones has introduced to the 108<sup>th</sup> Congress legislation entitled, "THE HOUSES OF WORSHIP FREE SPEECH RESTORATION ACT." Therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** That NRB stands in strong support of H.R. 235, believing that its passage will allow our Members the full freedom to speak the whole truth in unconditional love. We encourage Congress to expedite the passage of this legislation, thereby restoring free speech to our churches.