



Resolution

To Affirm the Need to Protect America's Children From Indecent Programming

- WHEREAS** Millions of Americans are increasingly concerned with the patently offensive programming being sent into their homes, and
- WHEREAS** Millions of American families are particularly concerned with the adverse impact of such programming on children, and
- WHEREAS** Such indecent and offensive programming is contributing to a dramatic coarsening of American civil society, and
- WHEREAS** The Federal Communications Commission (the FCC) (the Commission) is charged under our law with enforcing standards of decency in broadcast media, and
- WHEREAS** The FCC has promulgated a standard defining what constitutes indecency in its decision In the Matter of a Citizens Complaint Against Pacifica Foundation (1972), and
- WHEREAS** The Pacifica standard focuses on protecting children from exposure to indecent language, and
- WHEREAS** The FCC's Pacifica standard has been upheld as constitutional by the U.S. Supreme Court in FCC vs. Pacifica Foundation (1978), and
- WHEREAS** The FCC, through various Commission and staff-level decisions, has failed to fully enforce its own standard in recent years, and
- WHEREAS** The FCC's Enforcement Bureau has exemplified that failure by refusing to sanction the airing of indecent language during the recent broadcast of the Golden Globe Awards, at a time when millions of children were in the potential audience, and
- WHEREAS** There now exists before the Commission an Application for Review, requesting that the full Commission review the decision of the Enforcement Bureau. Therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** That it is the Sense of the Senate — That the FCC should grant the pending Application for Review before the full Commission In the matter of Complaints Against Various Broadcast Licensees Regarding Their Airing of "The Golden Globe Awards" Program, and be it



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- RESOLVED** That it is the Sense of the Senate — That the FCC should return to vigorously enforcing its own U.S. Supreme Court-approved standard for indecency, as promulgated In the Matter of A Citizen's Complaint Against Pacifica Foundation, and be it
- RESOLVED** That it is the Sense of the Senate — That the FCC should reassert its responsibility as defender of the public interest by undertaking new and serious efforts to sanction broadcast licensees who refuse to adhere to the Pacifica standard, and be it further
- RESOLVED** That it is the Sense of the Senate — That the FCC make every reasonable and lawful effort to protect America's children from the degrading influences of indecent programming.



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Indecency in Broadcasting

- WHEREAS** The airways do not belong to any one individual but are the shared and collective benefit of living in a free and open society, and
- WHEREAS** There has been an historic and important collective cultural effort in our country to protect the most defenseless and impressionable among us – our children, and
- WHEREAS** There is, today, a demonstrable disregard in broadcasting for common standards of decency, and
- WHEREAS** The Federal Communication Commission *has* established a standard to measure indecency, and
- WHEREAS** The FCC has hitherto demonstrated a lack of consistent enforcement of those regulations designed specifically to prevent indecency over the air, and
- WHEREAS** The FCC, by vigorously enforcing those regulations, sends a clear message that violations will not be tolerated, and
- WHEREAS** The steadfast and swift implementation of those regulations will encourage broadcasters to self-regulate both content and expression. *Therefore, be it*
- RESOLVED** That National Religious Broadcasters calls on the FCC, in its position as a protector of the airways, to steadfastly and swiftly enforce those regulations where a violation of decency has occurred, and be it
- RESOLVED** That we further call on Congress to concretize those regulations into federal statutes, thereby giving the weight of the law to standards of decency, and be it
- RESOLVED** That we further call on ourselves to report to the FCC and to our congressional representatives those violations when and where they may occur, and be it further
- RESOLVED** That we call on ourselves, as members of NRB, to uphold *always* the standards of decency in all of our various outlets, as integrity, purity and truth must always be the hallmark of a Christian broadcaster.



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The Protection of Marriage

- WHEREAS** Marriage has been and always will be the primary cornerstone institution for a vibrant and functioning society, and
- WHEREAS** Marriage has been, since the beginning of time, defined as one man and one woman, and
- WHEREAS** God has clearly defined marriage as the union of one man and one woman, and
- WHEREAS** Activist judges and liberal courts have recently chosen to redefine marriage to be something other than the way God defined that most sacred institution, and
- WHEREAS** The definition of marriage is, in truth, not just a political or legal function but is primarily the application of biblical Truth, and
- WHEREAS** our calling as religious broadcasters is to proclaim the truth in love. Therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** That National Religious Broadcasters calls on the President, the Congress and the Courts to protect the sanctity of marriage as defined, and only defined, as the union between one man and one woman, and be it
- RESOLVED** That we further demand of ourselves the commitment to bring biblical truth into the marketplace of ideas by using all of our various broadcasting outlets to winsomely engage the culture with the transcendent truth of God, and to work to protect that which God Himself created and defined in the Garden of Eden.