



Resolution

Efforts to Promote Decency on the Airwaves

- WHEREAS** children are the most vulnerable and impressionable members of a society; and
- WHEREAS** the Federal Communications Commission established a standard to protect children from indecent language over the airwaves; and
- WHEREAS** that standard has been repeatedly ignored by the major broadcast media; and
- WHEREAS** the penalties set forth for crossing the line into indecency have not been substantial enough to encourage major broadcast networks to police themselves; and
- WHEREAS** Congressman Fred Upton (R-MI) and Senator Sam Brownback (R-KS) introduced legislation during the 108th Congress to increase the fines for broadcasting indecent content; and
- WHEREAS** the legislation, amended to include penalties of up to \$500,000 per violation, sent shockwaves throughout the broadcast industry; and
- WHEREAS** Rep. Upton and Sen. Brownback have both re-introduced legislation during the 109th Congress to increase the maximum amount the FCC can fine broadcasters for airing indecent material: *Therefore, be it*
- RESOLVED** That National Religious Broadcasters commends Rep. Fred Upton and Sen. Sam Brownback for championing this legislation to promote decency on the airwaves; *and be it further*
- RESOLVED** That National Religious Broadcasters strongly encourages the House of Representatives and the United States Senate to move quickly to pass this legislation during the 109th Congress.



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Efforts to Protect Marriage

- WHEREAS** God Himself has set forth in His Word that marriage shall be defined as the union of one man and one woman; and
- WHEREAS** this time-honored institution has been affirmed by societies through the ages; and
- WHEREAS** traditional, biblical marriage is under attack by judicial activists; and
- WHEREAS** children thrive best with both a mother and a father: *Therefore, be it*
- RESOLVED** That National Religious Broadcasters calls on its members to uphold the biblical definition of marriage and to promote it vigorously through our media outlets; *and be it further*
- RESOLVED** That National Religious Broadcasters commends President George W. Bush for his constant affirmation of the true and biblical definition of marriage as expressed in his support of a constitutional amendment to protect the institution of marriage.



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Equity in the Digital Transition

- WHEREAS** Christian television programming injects the life-giving message of salvation into the cultural dialogue; and
- WHEREAS** the Congress and the Federal Communications Commission are deliberating the proper course of the digital transition; and
- WHEREAS** the FCC proposed plan involves reclaiming the 700MHz spectrum band, i.e. channels 60 and higher, for public safety purposes; and
- WHEREAS** Christian television broadcasters are represented within the spectrum band marked for reclamation; and
- WHEREAS** the loss of Christian programming on channels 60 and above will cause consumer disruption and detrimentally affect the cultural dialogue:
Therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** That National Religious Broadcasters encourages the FCC to reconsider its proposed spectrum reclamation plan and to establish equity in the digital transition process; *and be it further*
- RESOLVED** That National Religious Broadcasters encourages Congress to establish a plan that fosters an equitable transition process for all television broadcasters.



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Hate Crime Legislation

- WHEREAS** Scripture requires us to teach the full counsel of God, without any additions or deletions; and
- WHEREAS** “hate crime” legislation attaches additional criminal penalties to the accused’s thoughts at the time of the crime and to the speech they used to voice their beliefs; and
- WHEREAS** “hate crime” legislation has the potential to censor Christian broadcasters from declaring the full counsel of God by defining the Scriptures as “hate speech”: *Therefore, be it*
- RESOLVED** That National Religious Broadcasters redoubles its commitment to preaching the life-giving Gospel of Jesus Christ and the freeing power of repentance and forgiveness for sinners; *and be it further*
- RESOLVED** That National Religious Broadcasters will be vigilant in defending its First Amendment right to publicly teach historical Christian doctrine.



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The Negative Treatment of Religion On Prime-Time TV

- WHEREAS** 90% of Americans profess a belief in God and 60% say religion is very important to them; and
- WHEREAS** the Parents Television Council (PTC) released a study on Hollywood's treatment of religion on prime-time television; and
- WHEREAS** the PTC study found that hostility toward religion increased on television with each subsequent hour of prime-time; and
- WHEREAS** prime-time television cast religious institutions and doctrine in a negative light nearly three-times as often as in a positive light; and
- WHEREAS** the study found that clergy were treated negatively more than twice as often as positively: *Therefore, be it*
- RESOLVED** That National Religious Broadcasters commends the Parents Television Council for producing an in-depth study on Hollywood's prime-time treatment of religion; *and be it further*
- RESOLVED** That National Religious Broadcasters encourages Hollywood to portray religion and people of faith more honestly and fairly in all of its creative outlets.