



Resolution

Encouraging the Use of Closed-Captioning Technology

- WHEREAS** the National Religious Broadcasters is committed to reaching the entire world with the Gospel of Jesus Christ; and
- WHEREAS** NRB members seek to bring the Gospel to the broadest audience possible; and
- WHEREAS** closed captioning technology broadens the effective reach of Christian programming; and
- WHEREAS** a variety of communities can all benefit from closed captioning, including patrons in noisy or distracting environments such as restaurants or airports, children who are learning to read, people learning English as a second language, and those who are deaf or hard-of-hearing; *Therefore, be it*
- RESOLVED** that the National Religious Broadcasters strongly encourages all its members to implement closed-captioning for all their television programming, as soon as they are able to do so.



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Supporting Free Speech in Electronic Media

- WHEREAS** the National Religious Broadcasters exists primarily to secure and maintain freedom of access to the electronic media for the presentation of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ and for the proclamation of the biblical point of view on world events; and
- WHEREAS** Christian broadcasters have fought hard for freedom of access to electronic media in the USA and now benefit from increased access around the world; and
- WHEREAS** after the so-called “Fairness Doctrine” was repealed by the FCC in 1987, there has been a healthy increase in expression of all views on various electronic media coupled with unprecedented participation by American citizens; and
- WHEREAS** there are more than 10,000 radio and television stations in the United States providing more than adequate for a for the presentation of responsible viewpoints; and
- WHEREAS** the “Fairness Doctrine” had a chilling and stifling effect on broadcasters and programmers everywhere during its nearly 40 years of existence; and
- WHEREAS** there have been repeated and consistent attempts to reinstate the “Fairness Doctrine,” as recently as during the now-adjourned 109th Congress; and
- WHEREAS** the new leadership of the U. S. Congress has signaled a propensity toward reinstating the “Fairness Doctrine” during the upcoming 110th Congress:
Therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** that the National Religious Broadcasters strongly opposes any attempt to reinstate or make the “Fairness Doctrine” the law of the land and further pledges to vigorously oppose any such action.



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Calling for the Protection of Grassroots Public Policy Efforts

- WHEREAS** the Constitution of the United States of America clearly protects the right of every American to freely exercise their religion, to have the freedom of speech and press, and the freedom to petition the government for a redress of grievances; and
- WHEREAS** the National Religious Broadcasters believe that grassroots participation in the public policy process is a working expression of those freedoms and a clear indication of a healthy democracy; and
- WHEREAS** the threat of any type of legislation that would constrain the legitimate grassroots efforts of any association or non-profit organization is an earnest grievance and injustice; and
- WHEREAS** the U. S. Congress should encourage rather than hinder such expression,
Therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** that the National Religious Broadcasters urges its members to educate its viewers and listeners about this emerging threat, encouraging them to express their opposition to any legislation or provision that would hamper or hinder any of the aforementioned freedoms clearly promised to all Americans.



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Supporting the Preservation of First Amendment Freedoms

WHEREAS	Scripture requires us to teach the full counsel of God, without any additions or deletions; and
WHEREAS	the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution begins with these words: “Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press;” and
WHEREAS	so-called hate crime legislation attaches additional criminal penalties solely based on the thoughts, beliefs, or expression of an accused; and
WHEREAS	“hate crime” legislation has the potential to censor Christian broadcasters from declaring the full counsel of God by defining certain faith-based expression as “hate speech”; and
WHEREAS	the new leadership of the United States Congress has signaled a propensity toward enacting “hate crime” legislation during the upcoming 110 th Congress: <i>Therefore, be it</i>
RESOLVED	that the National Religious Broadcasters redouble its commitment to preach the life-giving Gospel of Jesus Christ and the freeing power of repentance and forgiveness for sinners; <i>and be it further</i>
RESOLVED	that the National Religious Broadcasters exercise vigilance in defending its First Amendment right to publicly teach historical Christian doctrine in the United States and oppose any version of “hate crime” legislation that poses a risk of censorship, discrimination, or official sanction against such teaching.



Resolution

Supporting FCC's Indecency Enforcement Efforts

- WHEREAS** parents are called by God to raise their children in the discipline and instruction of the Lord (Ephesians 6:4); and
- WHEREAS** all Christians are called to think on such things as are true, honorable, just, pure, lovely, commendable and excellent (Philippians 4:8); and
- WHEREAS** children in our society, who are left unattended or unsupervised, are at risk because of violent and sexual content on television and radio; and
- WHEREAS** so-called "parental control devices" on television sets are demonstrably ineffective and have failed to mount an effective defense against harmful and indecent content: *Therefore be it*
- RESOLVED** that the National Religious Broadcasters encourages the Federal Communications Commission to enforce existing indecency standards aggressively and consistently, and in so doing to protect children from inappropriate violent and sexual content.



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Support of Expanded International Access

- WHEREAS** the National Religious Broadcasters is committed to reaching the entire world with the Gospel of Jesus Christ; and
- WHEREAS** Scripture teaches that the Gospel of Hope should be proclaimed to people of every nation, tongue and tribe (Mark 13:10); and
- WHEREAS** electronic media are particularly effective in accessing difficult to reach people groups; and
- WHEREAS** while there exist today significant barriers and resource constraints preventing Christian broadcasters and programmers from expanding their international media outreach, there also exist today significant opportunities to extend the reach of Christian programming internationally; *Therefore, be it*
- RESOLVED** that the National Religious Broadcasters strongly encourages its members to work diligently to expand their international outreach with the Gospel of Jesus Christ; *and be it further*
- RESOLVED** that NRB members are strongly encouraged to seek alliances, partnerships and cooperative efforts with existing like-minded international media organizations, so that we can reach the world for Christ in our generation.



Resolution

Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem

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| WHEREAS | the Scripture (Psalm 122:6-7) tells us to “Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: ‘May those who love you be secure. May there be peace within your walls and security within your citadels;’” and |
| WHEREAS | Israel has been subjected to increasingly hostile threats and overt attacks by her enemies: <i>Therefore, be it</i> |
| RESOLVED | that the National Religious Broadcasters expresses its support for the state of Israel, the Jewish people, and all peace-loving people of the Holy Land; <i>and be it further</i> |
| RESOLVED | that the members of the National Religious Broadcasters agree to pray for the peace of Jerusalem, for all of Israel, and for all people of good will who seek peace in the Holy Land. |



Resolution

Encouraging Unity in the Body of Christ

- WHEREAS** the National Religious Broadcasters is committed to reaching the Entire world with the Gospel of Jesus Christ; and
- WHEREAS** Scripture teaches that the world will know we are Christians by our love (John 13:35); and
- WHEREAS** God is pleased when Christians live in unity with one another (Psalm 133:1); and
- WHEREAS** critical comments made by one believer against another in a public forum may detract from the message that God sent His only Son out of love for his own, and may minimize the potential for a Bible-based resolution; *Therefore be it*
- RESOLVED** that the National Religious Broadcasters strongly encourages its members to seek unity in the body of Christ and to show forth the love of Christ, by confining differences or disputes to private and discrete settings, whenever possible, thereby also maximizing the opportunity for resolution rather than airing them in public forums.



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Calling for Prayers for our Commander-in-Chief and our Armed Forces

- WHEREAS** the National Religious Broadcasters recognizes that the war on terror is the age-old battle between good and evil; and
- WHEREAS** we have a moral imperative to not abandon those yearning for Freedom; and
- WHEREAS** free and open societies encompass the principles of religious liberty and free speech. We affirm that these principles freely enable Christian Communicators to share the life-changing message of the Gospel; and
- WHEREAS** the outcome of this conflict could have a profound impact on our brothers and sisters globally. We further recognize that this global war could be waged for generations; and
- WHEREAS** our men and women in uniform daily stand in the gap to protect us and to advance the cause of liberty around the world; *Therefore, be it*
- RESOLVED** that the National Religious Broadcasters strongly encourages all of its members to pray steadfastly that God grant the Commander-in Chief the wisdom needed to win this war; *and be it further*
- RESOLVED** We further resolve to pray for those brave men and women who daily sacrifice for freedom's sake. We acknowledge, with humility, that God has raised up America as a nation that has blessed the world like no other. In that spirit, may we be a light to the world