



Resolution

Supporting “Multi-Channel Must Carry” in the Digital TV Transition

- WHEREAS** the digital television transition will occur in February 2009; and
- WHEREAS** legislation requiring cable companies to carry the multiple digital signals provided by all local full-power broadcasters which offer their transmissions for free, would create substantial public benefits, including but not limited to, wholesome family-friendly and Christian broadcasting, and community interest programming; and
- WHEREAS** the cable industry wants to deny Christian and other religious broadcasters access to the multiple streams of broadcasting that are now available, and has shown itself adverse to requirement to carry family-friendly programming but inclined to seek profits from programming that includes sex, violence, and profanity inimical to the development of healthy families and communities; *Therefore be it*
- RESOLVED** that the National Religious Broadcasters urges the Congress and the Federal Communications Commission respectively, to pass and enforce regulations requiring cable companies, in any version of digital TV transition legislation, to carry the multiple digital signals provided by all local full-power broadcasters which offer their transmissions for free, and further urges President George W. Bush to support such a proposal.



Resolution

Opposing the Employment Non-Discrimination Act

- WHEREAS** the Employment Non-Discrimination Act of 2007 (ENDA) has been passed in the House of Representatives, and has been introduced in the Senate; and
- WHEREAS** ENDA creates special legal protections in employment for homosexuality and bisexuality, among other such practices; and it creates a policy that radically departs from the Judaeo-Christian foundations of our nation; and it enshrines as protected, a category of personal sexual conduct which enjoys no foundation in the Constitution, nor in the history of our nation's founding philosophy of "liberty; and
- WHEREAS** ENDA would jeopardize the religious freedoms of religious broadcasters and other Christian ministries and would unduly burden their freedoms to make faith-based employment decisions; *Therefore be it*
- RESOLVED** that the National Religious Broadcasters opposes the Employment Non-Discrimination Act of 2007, and calls upon President George W. Bush, if ENDA is passed by Congress, to veto such legislation.



Resolution

Urging the FCC and Congress to be Diligent in Enforcing Indecency Standards

- WHEREAS** the Federal Communications Commission has been, under the leadership of Chairman Kevin Martin, more aggressively enforcing FCC standards on broadcast indecency; and
- WHEREAS** lawsuits have been filed to challenge the FCC's actions on specific indecency complaints; and in one instance, the FCC has decided to seek review by the United States Supreme Court of an adverse ruling by the Second Circuit Court of Appeals which reversed the FCC's finding of sanctionable indecency in a broadcast on the Fox television network; and one FCC Commissioner has been quoted as indicating that the FCC may not process any further indecency complaints until the courts have resolved the pending legal issues; and
- WHEREAS** Senators Ted Stevens, (R-Alaska) and Daniel Inouye (D-Hawaii) have co-sponsored legislation called Protecting the Children from Indecent Programming Act which would regulate sex, violence and profanity on broadcast television, but that legislation has not progressed to a floor vote; *Therefore be it*
- RESOLVED** that the National Religious Broadcasters applauds the FCC for its vigorous enforcement of indecency standards, and its decision to appeal the adverse ruling of the Second Circuit Court of Appeals, but also urges the FCC to continue to process, review and, if appropriate, levy fines and sanctions for violations of indecency standards notwithstanding the pending legal challenges, and urges Senators Stevens and Inouye to take the necessary steps to force a Senate floor vote on the Protecting the Children from Indecent Programming Act.



Resolution

Calling on Christian Broadcasters to Comply with a High Standard of Financial Accountability

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- WHEREAS** Senator Charles Grassley has launched an investigation into six television “media ministries,” none of which are members of National Religious Broadcasters, regarding complaints relating to the financial dealings of those ministries in light of their status as 501(c)(3) tax exempt organizations; and
- WHEREAS** National Religious Broadcasters has voiced substantial concerns to Senator Grassley and the Senate Committee on Finance, regarding the potential over-breadth of the investigation and the excessive scope of information requested (in as much as no effort had been made to protect such ministries from having to produce documents and information which could disclose spiritual discussions, privileged internal staff and board decision-making, and mission-oriented discussions within such ministries on other than financial matters); similar concerns were also raised regarding the possible usurpation of the powers and functions of the Internal Revenue Service by the Senate, and also regarding the unconstitutional burdens to First Amendment religious freedoms related to the scope of the investigation; and
- WHEREAS** National Religious Broadcasters requires all but its smaller broadcaster members to also be members of the Evangelical Council on Financial Accountability (ECFA) in order to insure high standards of financial accountability and stewardship; and
- WHEREAS** voluntary compliance by all Christian broadcasters with the highest standards of financial accountability and stewardship will serve as a positive witness to a watching world, is consistent with the commands of Scripture, and will help to dissuade those in Congress who otherwise might be inclined to impose drastic new measures on all Christian ministries simply because of suspicions regarding a very few; *Therefore be it*
- RESOLVED** that the National Religious Broadcasters urges all Christian broadcasters to practice the highest standards of financial accountability and stewardship and to join the Evangelical Council on Financial Accountability (ECFA) if they meet the qualifying criteria of that organization.



Resolution

Supporting the Freedom to Broadcast

- WHEREAS** the Federal Communications Commission previously imposed an ill-conceived regulation on broadcast content called the “Fairness Doctrine” whereby broadcasters, at the risk of serious sanction, including loss of licensure, were required to provide ample opportunities for contrasting opinions on controversial topics; and
- WHEREAS** the previous imposition of this policy proved disastrous, and has been uniformly condemned by broadcasters as having a chilling affect on freedom of speech and free exercise of religion, and which had actually reduced the marketplace of ideas in electronic media rather than expanding it; and
- WHEREAS** the FCC, after recognizing these critical flaws, disbanded the “Fairness Doctrine” in the 1980s. As a result, there has been a healthy proliferation of “talk” programs, including Christian talk radio; and
- WHEREAS** there have been repeated statements by leaders in Congress urging the control over otherwise permissible broadcast content through the reinstatement of the “Fairness Doctrine” by name, and through similar broadcast regulations on content; and
- WHEREAS** a bill entitled the “Broadcaster Freedom Act” has been introduced in the House of Representatives, but which has not been permitted to reach a vote on the floor of the House; that bill would permanently deprive the FCC of jurisdiction from ever imposing the “Fairness Doctrine” again; *Therefore be it*
- RESOLVED** that the National Religious Broadcasters strongly opposes any attempt, in any form, to reinstate the “Fairness Doctrine,” and further opposes any attempt by the FCC or Congress to regulate, restrict, or reduce the otherwise permissible content of Christian broadcasting, and pledges to vigorously oppose any such action; and we further support the “Broadcaster Freedom Act” and urge the House of Representatives to permit that bill to receive a vote on the House floor and to pass that bill, and urge the Senate to pass a comparable version of that bill, and urge the President of the United States to sign it into law.



Resolution

Honoring the Nation of Israel

- WHEREAS** this year is the celebration of the 60th anniversary of the creation of the modern State of Israel; and Israel's history, and its current existence, is evidence of the providential hand of God and the fulfillment of the promises of God set forth in the Bible; and
- WHEREAS** Scripture also tells us (Psalm 122:6-7) 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 continues to be subjected to hostile threats, overt attacks, and acts of terrorism perpetrated by its enemies; *Therefore be it*
- RESOLVED** that the National Religious Broadcasters expresses its support for the State of Israel and the Jewish people, and all peace-loving people of the Holy Land; and *be it further*
- RESOLVED** that the members of the National Religious Broadcasters agree to pray for the peace of Jerusalem, and for God's protection over all of Israel, and for all people of good will who seek peace in the Holy Land and for the spiritual well-being of the Jewish people.



Resolution

Opposing Hate Crimes Legislation

- WHEREAS** a version of so-called “Hate Crimes” legislation passed both the House of Representatives and the Senate, but was removed during Conference Committee from a larger piece of legislation to which it was affixed; and
- WHEREAS** proponents of “Hate Crimes” legislation are likely to reintroduce such bills either as stand-alone bills or as attached to other legislation; and
- WHEREAS** “Hate Crimes” legislation would have a harmful “chilling effect” on the religious freedoms of religious broadcasters and other Christian ministries to communicate the whole counsel of God on such subjects as false religious doctrines and cults and sinful sexual behaviors which are contrary to biblical principals; and it would impose a political correctness standard over public discussions of such matters, and could result in the actual criminal prosecution of Christian communicators, as it has in other nations where similar laws have been passed; *Therefore be it*
- RESOLVED** that the National Religious Broadcasters opposes “Hate Crimes” legislation, and calls upon President George W. Bush, if such Hate Crimes legislation is passed by Congress, to veto such legislation.



Resolution

Opposing H.R. 4789 and Similar Attempts to Impose New Music "Performance Fees" on Terrestrial Radio

- WHEREAS** a bill in the House of Representatives, H.R. 4789, has been introduced which would impose for the first time on radio stations that play music, a new "performance fee" for the benefit of musical performers and others in the music industry; and
- WHEREAS** music labels and artists already receive royalties and compensation for musical recordings through the sales of records, albums, CDs, DVDs and music videos, and other commercial uses of their music; and
- WHEREAS** artists and music labels have consistently benefited from the airing of their music on radio, in that such broadcast airing has substantial public promotional value and results in the increase of retail and commercial sale of such music; and
- WHEREAS** this bill sets into motion a harmful and inequitable precedent, and constructs a financially onerous burden on radio broadcasters, including religious broadcasters, and threatens the expansion of new broadcasting ventures and threatens the continued existence of others, including those of religious broadcasters; *Therefore be it*
- RESOLVED** that the National Religious Broadcasters opposes H.R. 4789 and any similar proposal that would impose a new "performance fee" on terrestrial radio broadcasters playing music.