



Resolution

COMMENDING THE FCC CHAIRMAN ON SUPPORTING NRB'S RULE CHANGE REGARDING NON-COMMERCIAL STATIONS

- WHEREAS** FCC rules prohibit non-commercial broadcast stations from substantially changing their programming day in order to raise funds for other worthy non-profit organizations, absent a specific waiver from the FCC, and the FCC has granted such waivers only in the case of massive disasters such as Hurricane Katrina or the Haiti earthquake; and
- WHEREAS** the National Religious Broadcasters has promoted, in its dealings with the FCC, a rule change whereby non-commercial stations could use up to one-percent of their annual air-time to promote and to raise funds for non-profit, 501 (c)(3) groups without having to obtain a waiver from the FCC; and
- WHEREAS** NRB's Senior Vice-President and General Counsel Craig Parshall was invited by the FCC to present testimony promoting this rule change at a Commission field hearing in Phoenix, Arizona, and at such hearing FCC Chairman Julius Genachowski announced his support of this rule change, and announced that he was directing the Media Bureau of the FCC to move forward with such a change; and
- THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the National Religious Broadcasters hereby commends the Chairman of the FCC, Julius Genachowski, for his support of a rule change that would permit non-commercial broadcasters to raise funds during on-air, programming time, without obtaining a specific waiver from the FCC, and further encourages the FCC and the Congress to consider other similar ways in which non-commercial broadcasters and non-profit organizations can be energized and invigorated both operationally and financially to be more effective in pursuing their missions, through the removal of outdated, or counter-productive regulatory and legislative impediments.