



Resolution

URGING WEB-BASED NEW MEDIA COMPANIES TO RESPECT FREEDOM OF RELIGIOUS SPEECH

WHEREAS the National Religious Broadcasters has commenced the John Milton Project for Religious Free Speech for the purpose of investigating the potential of anti-Christian censorship occurring on new media Internet-interactive communications, to-wit: Apple's iTunes App Store of its iPhone, Google, Facebook, Myspace, Twitter, and Internet Service Providers Comcast, Verizon and AT&T; and

WHEREAS on September 15, 2011 the final report of the John Milton Project was released in a press event at the National Press Club in Washington D.C., which findings indicated that all of those companies, with the sole exception of Twitter, have either practiced anti-Christian censorship or have generated express policies that will invariably lead to such censorship, or both; and, at that press event at the National Press Club a panel of experts was convened which in addition to NRB's Senior Vice-President and General Counsel Craig Parshall also included a former FCC Commissioner, a senior counsel of the American Center for Law and Justice, a law professor and dean from Liberty University School of Law and a director from the Ethics and Public Policy Center, and the clear consensus of the panel was that these new media companies have, or in the future likely will commit acts of viewpoint censorship, and particularly in the religious realm, unless they change course in their practices and policies; and

**THEREFORE BE
IT RESOLVED** that the National Religious Broadcasters calls upon Internet-based new media communications companies Apple, Google, Facebook, Myspace, and Internet Service Providers Comcast, Verizon and AT&T, and all other web-based communication platforms to respect fully the free speech rights of Christians and the value of all otherwise lawful religious viewpoints that are expressed on or through the Internet, and to adopt practices and policies that reflect the same, and to work with the National Religious Broadcasters and other like-minded organizations in effectuating that goal.