



Resolution

COMMENDING THE FCC FOR ENFORCING INDECENCY RULES

- WHEREAS** the FCC has enforced its rules that prohibit indecent communications over radio and television during the hours when children are most likely to be listening or viewing; and
- WHEREAS** the major, commercial television broadcast networks have opposed these indecency rules, arguing that they violate the provisions of the First Amendment, resulting in an appeal pending before the United States Supreme Court, titled *FCC v. Fox Television Stations, Inc., et al*; and
- WHEREAS** the National Religious Broadcasters have, through its office of General Counsel, and aided by the law firm of Hardy, Carey, Chautin & Balkin, LLP, filed an Amicus Curiae (“friend of the court”) brief with the Supreme Court, supporting the FCC’s position, and pointing out that indecent speech over the airwaves when children are likely to be exposed fits well within those narrow exceptions to the Free Speech provisions of the First Amendment, and that the FCC rules are fully compatible with the First Amendment; and
- THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the National Religious Broadcasters hereby commends the FCC for its commitment to decency over the airwaves and for enforcing, and defending, its rules prohibiting indecent communications during the hours when children are most likely to be listening or viewing.