



Resolution

Urging the Motion Picture Association of America to Fulfill Its Stated Mission to Protect Children By Rating All Movies

- WHEREAS** under the standards of the Motion Picture Association of America (MPAA) an R rating for a movie restricts the movie from being viewed in a theater by those under 17 years of age unless accompanied by an adult, and an NC-17 rating restricts the movie from being viewed in a theater by anyone 17 years or younger regardless of whether they are accompanied by an adult;
- WHEREAS** there is a loophole in the MPAA ratings system, to-wit: movie producers, marketing companies and production houses of films with extreme pornography and abhorrent violence, such as the movie Antichrist, who fear that an NC-17 rating would impact box office revenue can avoid having a rating at all by refusing to submit the movie to the MPAA, with the result that the movie will be labeled “unrated;”
- WHEREAS** both children of any age and unsuspecting adults can view “unrated” movies in theaters without adequate information or warnings regarding the objectionable content, or through video rental businesses such as Blockbuster, which refuses to rent NC-17 movies but will permit rental of “unrated” movies to children;
- RESOLVED** National Religious Broadcasters urges the MPAA to fulfill its stated mission to protect children by rating every movie released in movie theaters in America, regardless of whether a movie’s producers, marketing companies or production houses request the rating or not.