



Resolution

Efforts to Promote Decency on the Airwaves

- WHEREAS** children are the most vulnerable and impressionable members of a society; and
- WHEREAS** the Federal Communications Commission established a standard to protect children from indecent language over the airwaves; and
- WHEREAS** that standard has been repeatedly ignored by the major broadcast media; and
- WHEREAS** the penalties set forth for crossing the line into indecency have not been substantial enough to encourage major broadcast networks to police themselves; and
- WHEREAS** Congressman Fred Upton (R-MI) and Senator Sam Brownback (R-KS) introduced legislation during the 108th Congress to increase the fines for broadcasting indecent content; and
- WHEREAS** the legislation, amended to include penalties of up to \$500,000 per violation, sent shockwaves throughout the broadcast industry; and
- WHEREAS** Rep. Upton and Sen. Brownback have both re-introduced legislation during the 109th Congress to increase the maximum amount the FCC can fine broadcasters for airing indecent material: *Therefore, be it*
- RESOLVED** That National Religious Broadcasters commends Rep. Fred Upton and Sen. Sam Brownback for championing this legislation to promote decency on the airwaves; *and be it further*
- RESOLVED** That National Religious Broadcasters strongly encourages the House of Representatives and the United States Senate to move quickly to pass this legislation during the 109th Congress.