



Resolution

Supporting Free Speech in Electronic Media

- WHEREAS** the National Religious Broadcasters exists primarily to secure and maintain freedom of access to the electronic media for the presentation of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ and for the proclamation of the biblical point of view on world events; and
- WHEREAS** Christian broadcasters have fought hard for freedom of access to electronic media in the USA and now benefit from increased access around the world; and
- WHEREAS** after the so-called “Fairness Doctrine” was repealed by the FCC in 1987, there has been a healthy increase in expression of all views on various electronic media coupled with unprecedented participation by American citizens; and
- WHEREAS** there are more than 10,000 radio and television stations in the United States providing more than adequate for a for the presentation of responsible viewpoints; and
- WHEREAS** the “Fairness Doctrine” had a chilling and stifling effect on broadcasters and programmers everywhere during its nearly 40 years of existence; and
- WHEREAS** there have been repeated and consistent attempts to reinstate the “Fairness Doctrine,” as recently as during the now-adjourned 109th Congress; and
- WHEREAS** the new leadership of the U. S. Congress has signaled a propensity toward reinstating the “Fairness Doctrine” during the upcoming 110th Congress:
Therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** that the National Religious Broadcasters strongly opposes any attempt to reinstate or make the “Fairness Doctrine” the law of the land and further pledges to vigorously oppose any such action.