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.