Resolution

Urging the FCC and Congress to be Diligent in Enforcing Indecency Standards

WHEREAS the Federal Communications Commission has been, under the leadership of Chairman Kevin Martin, more aggressively enforcing FCC standards on broadcast indecency during those hours when children will be most likely to be listening or watching broadcast programming; and

WHEREAS lawsuits have been filed to challenge the FCC’s actions on specific indecency complaints; and the United States Supreme Court has accepted this issue for review in a pending case from the adverse ruling of the Second Circuit Court of Appeals; and National Religious Broadcasters has filed its own Amicus Curiae (“friend of the court”) brief with the U.S. Supreme Court in that case, urging the Court to affirm the actions of the FCC in enforcing indecency standards;

RESOLVED that the National Religious Broadcasters applauds the FCC, under the chairmanship of Commissioner Kevin Martin, for its vigorous enforcement of indecency standards, and its decision to appeal the adverse ruling of the Second Circuit Court of Appeals, but also urges the FCC to continue to process, review and, if appropriate, levy fines and sanctions for violations of indecency standards notwithstanding the pending legal challenges, and urges Congress to take the necessary steps to author legislation protecting children from indecent broadcast content.

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