

For God and Country

WHEREAS many early settlers arriving on the shores of America did so in pursuit of religious freedom and the practice of Judeo-Christian beliefs; and

WHEREAS reverence of God and acceptance of the authority of the Bible largely dominated early American thought and contributed to a God-fearing society, which God has guided and blessed abundantly; and

WHEREAS Bible-believing Christianity has uniquely flourished in this land, becoming a powerful catalyst for the preaching of the gospel of Jesus Christ and the worldwide dissemination thereof; and

WHEREAS although it is improper to call America a Christian nation, she has, nevertheless, because of the salt and light of the Church, become a world leader in human rights, freedom, ethics, righteousness and justice;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that we, the messengers of the churches in fellowship with the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches, meeting for our 58th Annual Conference in Columbus, Ohio, on June 26–30, 1989, express to our nation's leaders and to all the people of this great country our heart-agonizing alarm at the eroding of the God-fearing way of life so deeply embedded in the traditions and foundations of America, and replacement of these ideals with a godless, secular, humanist, Bible-ignoring kind of existence; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we take issue with an extreme brand of church-state separation that aids and abets secularism and militates against the positive societal influences of worthy religion; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we encourage true believers in this land we love to stand tall for Jesus Christ, to witness courageously, to pursue holiness of life unashamedly, to battle for the sanctity of life, to follow the Bible as their only rule for faith and practice, to pray fervently, to resist all inroads of worldliness, and to remain true and faithful in the work of Jesus Christ as light and salt in America, reminding all that "righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people."

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