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**A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE  
SUPER BOWL XXXVIII HALFTIME SHOW**

30 **WHEREAS:** Janet Jackson was vilified for the ending of her performance with Justin Timberlake after  
40 allowing him to simply remove a piece of her costume and,

50 **WHEREAS:** The actions were not shown on the CBS broadcast for more than 2 seconds; and,

60 **WHEREAS:** The current situation in American culture is that sex has become a mainstay in advertising  
and  
70 nightly television, on cable and non-cable stations; and,

80 **WHEREAS:** The national outcry over the minimal air time of the stunt was unprecedented and made a  
90 proverbial “mountain out of a mole hill”; and,

100 **WHEREAS:** CBS and its host company Viacom, and ESPN and its holding company of Disney,  
allowed, and  
110 basically aided in the continued discussion of said outcry by letting news programs spend  
120 countless hours of air time on the event; and,

180 **WHEREAS:** In the same halftime show, rock performer Kid Rock tore a hole in the American flag and  
190 preceded to put it over his head and throw it behind his head towards the ground, and both  
200 rapper Nelly and pop artist Sean “P. Daddy” Combs spent their performance with their  
hands  
210 on their genitals; and,

220 **WHEREAS:** There was almost no outcry towards the vile behaviors of musicians in the previous whereas  
230 clause and what they did could be construed as just as offensive to some and deserving of  
the  
240 same kind of ridicule, especially the defacing of the American flag by Kid Rock; and,

250 **WHEREAS:** Consequentially, the NFL removed most of their Pro Bowl half time festivities and CBS  
asked  
260 Janet Jackson to not come to the Grammy awards a week later; and,

270 **WHEREAS:** The Federal Communications Commission began a serious investigation on the Super Bowl  
280 halftime show which was to result in serious fines against the NFL and CBS.

290 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Maryland Student Legislature calls for the Federal  
300 Communications Commission to drop all inquiries and any legal actions upon the NFL  
310 and CBS; and,

320 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the chair of the Disney Inc., the COO and the CEO of Viacom,  
330 the commissioner of the NFL, and The chair of the FCC to issue letters of apologies to  
Janet  
340 Jackson, and the American public on their ridiculous actions regarding the Super Bowl  
350 XXXVIII halftime show on February 1, 2004.

360 **MANDATES:** NFL Commissioner Paul Tagliabue  
370 Disney Inc. Chair Michael Eisner  
380 Viacom CEO and Chairman Sumner M. Redstone  
390 Viacom COO and President Mel Karmazin  
400 FCC Chairman Michael K. Powell

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