**A Resolution to Define Ethics in Journalism**

**WHEREAS**, Many reporters in the mainstream media rely on anonymous sources for information; and

**WHEREAS**, Stories often could not be published without these anonymous sources; and

**WHEREAS**, These sources are often leaked from inside of sensitive areas of the government; and

**WHEREAS**, This leaked information is difficult to corroborate and verify; and

**WHEREAS**, The public often takes these reporters at their word, even though their information comes from these anonymous sources; and

**WHEREAS**, For its own protection, the government should have the ability to know who is providing information about the inner workings of the various branches and departments; and

**WHEREAS**, It is unfair for journalists to use sources which the government cannot defend itself against; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that journalists should adopt and adhere to a set of ethics which compel them to refrain from the use of anonymous sources and to reveal sources when requested by governmental officials; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED,** That all branches of government should have the right to refuse to answer questions from, or hold press conferences in front of, any media which does not follow the above recommendation.