Resolution No. ___14

Date: <u>May 14, 1999</u>
City: <u>Washington, DC</u>

NAHB Resolution

Title: Restrictions and Bans on Wood Trusses and I-Joists
Original Sponsor: Construction Codes and Standards Committee

WHEREAS, the use of wood trusses and I-joists has been established as an integral component of residential construction and has led to greater flexibility in design and improved home builders' ability to better serve the needs of home buyers;

WHEREAS, the integral use of wood trusses and I-joists in residential construction has resulted in cost savings to home buyers;

WHEREAS, the design and use of wood trusses, I-joists and engineered wood products is an environmentally responsible and efficient use of forest resources and other raw materials;

WHEREAS, nationally recognized consensus standards have been developed for the use of wood trusses and I-joists and have been adopted by reference in the model building codes;

WHEREAS, nationally recognized consensus testing standards have been established to ensure that wood trusses and I-joists perform to nationally recognized safety minimums;

WHEREAS, current, nationally recognized research finds injury risk due to the structural failure of wood trusses and I-joists to be minimal; and

WHEREAS, a number of states and local jurisdictions have proposed or enacted legislation restricting or banning the use of wood trusses,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the National Association of Home Builders work cooperatively with the American Forest and Paper Association, the Wood Truss Council of America, the Wood I-Joist Manufacturers Association, the Engineered Wood Products Association and other concerned parties to oppose the restriction or banning of wood trusses, I-joists and engineered wood products designed, manufactured and used in accordance with nationally recognized codes and standards.

Board of Directors Action: Approved
Joint Executive/Resolutions Committee Action: Recommends Approval
Resolutions Committee Action: Recommends Approval
Construction and Codes Committee Action: Recommends Approval

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