

Resolution No: 7

Date: May 9, 2003

City: Washington, DC

NAHB Resolution

Title: Single-Family Accessibility
Original Sponsor: Visitability Task Force

WHEREAS, the National Association of Home Builders is vitally concerned with providing safe, affordable housing for all;

WHEREAS, people with permanent or temporary mobility impairments may have special home design needs to make the home more accessible;

WHEREAS, much of the aging population and many other housing consumers may desire home design features that also make homes more accessible to people with mobility impairments;

WHEREAS, NAHB currently provides technical assistance to its members and affiliated home builder associations interested in residential accessibility;

WHEREAS, state and local jurisdictions may consider or enact laws making certain accessible design features mandatory in single-family home construction;

WHEREAS, to sustain housing affordability, it is NAHB policy that residential design be regulated to provide cost-effective construction codes and standards and, that all other design features should be market-driven;

WHEREAS voluntary programs promoting the inclusion of accessible design features are being developed by builder and other interests;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the National Association of Home Builders support efforts by its members and affiliated home builder associations to develop voluntary programs promoting accessible design features for single-family construction and remodeling, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that NAHB oppose mandatory requirements for accessible design features in single-family new construction and remodeling.

Board of Directors Action:	Approved
Joint Executive/Resolutions Committee Action:	Recommends Approval
Resolutions Committee Action:	Recommends Approval
Public Affairs Committee Action:	Recommends Approval
Senior Housing Council Action:	Recommends Approval
State and Local Government Affairs Action:	Recommends Approval
Single Family Production Committee Action:	Recommends Approval
Single Family Small Volume Committee Action:	Recommends Approval
Construction, Codes and Standard Committee Action:	Recommends Approval