

Resolution No. 7

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NAHB Resolution

Title: Industry Access to Building Materials
Original Sponsor: Building Materials Subcommittee of the Building Products Issues Committee

WHEREAS, the members of the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) remain committed to building quality, affordable homes for American consumers;

WHEREAS, access to a stable, dependable and affordable supply of lumber and other building materials is of vital importance in achieving that goal;

WHEREAS, NAHB has a long history of encouraging free trade in building materials, and NAHB continues to oppose all barriers to free trade;

WHEREAS, NAHB has long believed that in the development and implementation of its trade policies, the federal government should include participation by consumers and downstream industries, acknowledging their important role in the U.S. economy;

WHEREAS, restrictive trade agreements have the potential for creating large and unpredictable swings in the cost and supply of lumber and other key building materials, making it more difficult for NAHB members to build affordable housing, both single-family and multifamily; and

WHEREAS, technology, research and development over recent decades have produced important innovations in home construction and alternative building materials and technologies,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the National Association of Home Builders work with the U. S. government, the governments of other countries and industry to promote additional opportunities for NAHB members to obtain access to high-quality, stable and affordable supplies of lumber and other key building materials;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that NAHB investigate ways in which it can be of assistance in encouraging competition in the U.S. marketplace among building material suppliers and building material industries;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that NAHB urge the U.S. Congress and Administration to eliminate all artificial economic trade barriers that discourage the use of imported or alternative building materials in the U.S. marketplace, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that NAHB investigate ways in which it can help its members obtain information on, and access to, alternative building materials and new technologies that will provide consumers with more affordable housing through a wider variety of choices in building materials.

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