

Resolution No. 11

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NAHB Resolution

Title: Support for American Technology
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WHEREAS, the viability and health of the United States economy are in significant measure dependent on the ability of domestic industry to compete successfully with foreign manufacturers;

WHEREAS, foreign building products are successfully penetrating American markets and displacing domestic business;

WHEREAS, many nations, particularly in Europe and Japan, understand the importance of supporting their industries financially and otherwise in order to gain a competitive edge;

WHEREAS, the risks of introducing new technologies in the residential industry are particularly great given the cyclical nature of the market, the long lead times required to develop and test new products, and the significant regulatory hurdles to pass;

WHEREAS, as a result, investment in new and improved building technologies by American industry is not adequate relative to a need, particularly in light of current economic conditions and the investment and/or support by the federal government is practically non-existent; and

WHEREAS, improvements in building technology can invigorate the domestic building industry and improve the quality of life for families of all incomes,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the National Association of Home Builders encourage the federal government to take a more active role in assisting the private sector to improve building technologies, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Congress enact programs to provide loans, guarantees, grants, and other such support for the development of building technologies.

Board of Directors Action:	Approved
Joint Executive/Resolutions Committee Action:	Recommends Approval
Resolutions Committee Action:	Recommends Approval
Special Committee on Construction and Codes Action:	Recommends Approval
Standing Committee on Federal Government Affairs Committee Action:	Recommends Approval
Standing Committee on Research Action:	Recommends Approval