

Resolution No. 4A

Date: September 9, 2005

City: Reno, Nevada

NAHB Resolution

Title: Comprehensive Reform of Immigration Laws
Original Sponsor: Federal Government Affairs Committee

WHEREAS, the United States was founded on the hard work and determination of immigrants;

WHEREAS, the protection and security of our nation's borders is of the utmost concern to all U.S. citizens and all members of the National Association of Home Builders;

WHEREAS, the home building industry, with the contribution of a substantial immigrant workforce, plays a critical role in sustaining the national economy and meeting the nation's housing needs;

WHEREAS, it is estimated that over 20% of the building industry's workforce is of foreign-born origin, making the immigrant population key to sustaining growth in the industry;

WHEREAS, it is estimated that more than 400,000 people enter the United States illegally each year; and

WHEREAS, the current visa system does not address the needs of the residential construction industry,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the National Association of Home Builders urge Congress to make comprehensive reforms to the nation's immigration laws,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that NAHB opposes illegal immigration,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that NAHB urge Congress to create a new visa system whereby more immigrants can legally enter the residential construction workforce each year and be put on the path to temporary or permanent legal residency or citizenship,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that NAHB support efforts by Congress to address the concerns created by the growing illegal immigrant population, and support efforts to create a system whereby they can achieve temporary or permanent legal residency or citizenship, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that NAHB urge Congress and the Administration to promptly pursue changes in the criteria for a flexible visa classification that will address the needs of the construction industry for a labor supply sufficient to meet the nation's housing needs.
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