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NAHB Resolution

Title: Federal Agency Housing Research and Development Activities
Sponsor: Construction Technology Research Subcommittee of the Construction,
Codes and Standards Committee
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WHEREAS, research and development are critical to the technological innovations that make new and renovated housing better, more affordable and more responsive to the ever-changing needs of American consumers;

WHEREAS, technological advances and innovations in construction and land development will strengthen the housing industry and the national economy and improve housing affordability at a time when the nation's homeownership rate is dropping;

WHEREAS, total annual housing research funded by all governmental and private sources in the United States is significantly less than in other industrialized countries, thereby delaying technological innovation, making America's housing industry less competitive internationally and preventing American consumers from receiving the benefits that such innovation could provide;

WHEREAS, many federal programs relating to housing will be served by increased housing research and technological advances, but private funding of housing research is limited by the fragmented, "small business" nature of the housing industry; and

WHEREAS, the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) and the NAHB Research Center have funded and conducted a great deal of housing research and maintain a research, development and testing agenda to stimulate research and speed the application of new technologies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that NAHB urge Congress and all relevant federal agencies to make housing a higher priority by participating in a research, development and testing process which brings together housing producers, federal agencies, product manufacturers and public, private and university researchers; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that NAHB urge Congress to require that future housing related research be developed and funded through nationally recognized housing research organizations and in close coordination with the housing industry.

Please note: This resolution updates policy 1988.9 No. 10 Federal Agency Housing Research and Development Activities that is due to expire at Spring Board 2012.

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