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Resolution No. 4

Exotic Pest Management Funding

In recent years, the United States' forests and ornamental plant industries have been threatened by the introduction of a number of exotic invasive pests. Asian longhorned beetle, *Anoploplura glabripennis*, was discovered in New York in 1996 and in the Chicago area in 1998. In 2002, Emerald ash borer, *Agrilus planipennis*, was identified in Michigan and subsequently in Northwest Ohio and Northeast Indiana. In 2004, Sirex woodwasp, *Sirex noctilio* was identified in New York state. Each of these forest pests was probably introduced into the U.S. as a result of foreign trade and represents a significant threat to the forests and urban areas of the United States.

Control of these pests is essential. However, neither appropriated nor emergency funding have provided an adequate level of support to ensure effective detection and management. As a result, management opportunities have been lost, and in the case of Asian longhorned beetle and emerald ash borer the host species are at risk of extinction.

Resolved: By the Central Plant Board at its 82nd annual meeting in Fargo, North Dakota, on February 9, 2006, request USDA pursue every option to provide for adequate funding to meet research needs and manage these invasive exotic pests of agricultural plants and animals.

Be it further resolved: That the Central Plant Board request that USDA work cooperatively with state and federal agencies, environmental groups, agricultural associations, and industry to build a broad coalition of support to develop a funding mechanism to support this ongoing research and management effort.

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