



SOUTHERN PLANT BOARD

April 9-12, 2006

Savannah, Georgia

RESOLUTION No. 5

FUNDING FOR EXOTIC PLANT PEST PROGRAMS

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

Management and 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, pest 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 Southern Plant Board at its annual meeting in Savannah, Georgia on April 12, 2006, that USDA pursue every option to provide for adequate funding to meet research needs and manage these invasive exotic pests.

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED that USDA-APHIS-PPQ 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.

Motion to adopt: Tomm Johnson

Seconded by: Frank Fulghum

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