



CONNECTICUT BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

founded 1891

Resolution of the Connecticut State Beekeepers Association, Adopted June 23, 2007

- Whereas, the honey bee, *Apis mellifera*, is a vital component of American agriculture;
- Whereas, over 90 American agricultural crops and nearly one-third of our food supply are dependent on honey bee pollination;
- Whereas, honey bee pollination is responsible for increasing American agriculture production by an estimated \$15 billion per year;
- Whereas, beekeepers are the keystone for providing the essential pollination to meet the needs of American farmers across the United States;
- Whereas, Colony Collapse Disorder is a yet unidentified disease or disorder of the honey bee affecting colonies across the United States with losses among commercial migratory beekeepers reported as high as 75%;
- Whereas, the United States Department of Agriculture conducts research at four honey bee laboratories across the United States at Beltsville, Maryland; Baton Rouge, Louisiana; Weslaco, Texas and Tucson, Arizona; and
- Whereas, Connecticut beekeepers are an important component of Connecticut agriculture who appreciate and support the vital research conducted at the USDA honey bee laboratories, be it
- Resolved, that the members of the Connecticut State Beekeepers Association, Inc., assembled at its summer meeting in Hamden, CT, respectfully request that Connecticut Congressional Senators and Representatives support increased funding for the USDA Agricultural Research Service honey bee laboratories and Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service for apiculture for research in
- 1) honey bee disorders and diseases including Colony Collapse Disorder, and diagnostic methods as well as safe and effective treatments;
 - 2) honey bee immunology, ecology and pollination biology;
 - 3) honey bee genomics and bioinformatics; and
 - 4) the Africanized Honey Bee, its genetics, control and human safety, and its economic impact on agriculture.

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