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Memorializing Congress to propose state issuance of national identification cards under a federal standard.

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Referred to Committee on Militia, Police and Public Safety

WHEREAS, national identification cards have been the topic of much public policy debate over the last several years; and

WHEREAS, the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators, a group of state officials, is devising a plan to create a national identification system that would link all driver databases to high-tech driver's license cards with computer chips, bar codes and biometric identifiers; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Defense has developed a "common access" card for military personnel, designed for tracking personnel across the globe and running more secure and efficient military operations; and

WHEREAS, these types of cards are now models for the design of other "smart cards" that could bolster security and make law-enforcement easier; and

WHEREAS, the September 11 attacks have created an urgent need for a national identification card system; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That Congress be urged to propose the state issuance of national identification cards under a federal standard, including the provision of federal moneys to cover initial capital costs involved in the establishment of a national identification card system in the United States; and be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates transmit copies of this resolution to the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the President of the United States Senate, and the members of the Virginia Congressional Delegation in order that they may be apprised of the sense of the Virginia General Assembly in this matter.

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