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Memorializing the Congress of the United States to withdraw the United States from the Security and Prosperity Partnership of North America and any other bilateral or multilateral activity which seeks to create a North American Union.

Patrons—Marshall, R.G., Cole, Gear, Hargrove, Spruill and Ware, O.; Senator: Reynolds

Referred to Committee on Rules

WHEREAS, President George W. Bush established the Security and Prosperity Partnership (SPP) of North America, with the nations of Mexico and Canada on March 23, 2005; and

WHEREAS, a TV reporter asked President Bush on March 23, 2005, whether in light of the European Union the SPP was a step towards continental integration and he responded, "...So that the vision that you asked about in your question as to what kind of union might there be, I see one based upon free trade, that would then entail commitment to markets and democracy, transparency, rules of law..."; and

WHEREAS, the gradual creation of such a North American Union, or a functional equivalent organization serving the same purpose under a different name, from a merger of the United States, Mexico, and Canada would be a direct threat to the Constitution and national independence and sovereignty of the United States, and imply an eventual end to national borders within North America; and

WHEREAS, a White House news release confirmed the continuing existence of the SPP and its "ongoing process of cooperation" on March 31, 2006; and

WHEREAS, Congressman Ron Paul has written that a key to the SPP plan is an extensive new NAFTA superhighway: "[U]nder this new 'partnership,' a massive highway is being planned to stretch from Canada into Mexico, through the state of Texas"; and

WHEREAS, this trilateral partnership to develop a North American Union has never been presented to Congress as an agreement or treaty, and has had virtually no congressional oversight; and

WHEREAS, state and local governments throughout the United States would be negatively impacted by the SPP/North American Union process, such as the "open borders" vision of the SPP, eminent domain takings of private property along the planned superhighways, and increased law enforcement problems along those same superhighways; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the Congress of the United States be urged to withdraw the United States from the Security and Prosperity Partnership of North America and any other bilateral or multilateral activity which seeks to create a North American Union. The Virginia Congressional Delegation is also urged to use all of their efforts, energies and diligence to withdraw from any further participation in the SPP of North America or other activity, however named, which seeks to advance, authorize, fund or in any way promote the creation of any structure to accomplish any form of a North American Union as herein described; 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 so that they may be apprised of the sense of the General Assembly of Virginia in this matter.

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