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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 19

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Memorializing the President of the United States to disapprove the sale of terminal operations at United States ports to Dubai Ports World.

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Committee Referral Pending

WHEREAS, the U.S. Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States raised no objection to the transaction for Dubai Ports World, a state-owned entity of the United Arab Emirates, to purchase the London-based Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Co., which operates terminals in the major United States ports of Baltimore, Miami, Newark, New Orleans, New York, and Philadelphia; and

WHEREAS, the proposal also allows Dubai Ports World to operate terminals in Houston and allows it to be involved in stevedoring for all terminals in Norfolk; and

WHEREAS, Dubai Ports World has other proposals in progress to gain control of more United States port operations; and

WHEREAS, the United States is sovereign and her borders and ports should be secure; and

WHEREAS, the events of September 11, 2001, proved that homeland security is of the utmost importance in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the sale of terminal operations to Dubai Ports World has raised criticism from both Republicans and Democrats in Congress because of its threat to United States national security; and

WHEREAS, it would be desirable for the United States Congress and the President of the United States to work together on issues involving the sale of terminal operations to foreign-based companies; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That the President of the United States be urged to disapprove the sale of terminal operations at United States ports to Dubai Ports World; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates transmit a copy of this resolution to the President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the U.S. Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States, and the Virginia Congressional Delegation so that they may be apprised of the sense of the House of Delegates of Virginia in this matter.

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