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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 442

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A Concurrent Resolution from the Legislature of the State of Virginia to the Congress of the United States of America and to the Congressional Delegation of the State of Virginia. A petition to Congress to withdraw the U. S. from the Security and Prosperity Partnership of North America and any other bilateral or multilateral activity which seeks to create a North American Union.

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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 from a merger of the U. S., Mexico, and Canada would be a direct threat to the Constitution and national independence of the U. S., 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 Legislature of the State of Virginia, That the Congress of the United States, and particularly, the legislative delegation to Congress of the State of Virginia, are hereby urged and petitioned to use all of their efforts, energies and diligence to withdraw the U. S. from any further participation in the Security and Prosperity Partnership of North America and any other bilateral or multilateral activity however named which seeks to advance, authorize, fund or in any way promote the creation of any structure to accomplish any form of North American Union as herein described.

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