Senate Joint Memorial 5

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SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Urges Congress to withdraw United States from Security and Prosperity Partnership of North America and other activities that advance creation of North American Union.

JOINT MEMORIAL

2 To the President of the United States and the Senate and the House of Representatives of the United

3 States of America, in Congress assembled:

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We, your memorialists, the Seventy-fourth Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon, in legislative session assembled, respectfully represent as follows:

6 Whereas President George W. Bush established the Security and Prosperity Partnership of 7 North America with the nations of Mexico and Canada on March 23, 2005; and

8 Whereas a television reporter asked the President on March 23, 2005, whether the Security and 9 Prosperity Partnership was a step towards continental integration in light of the European Union 10 and the President responded, in part, "So that the vision that you asked about in your question as 11 to what kind of union might there be, I see one based upon free trade, that would then entail com-12 mitment to markets and democracy, transparency, rule of law."; and

Whereas the creation of a North American Union from the gradual merger of the United States, Mexico and Canada would threaten the United States Constitution and the national independence of the United States and lead to the end of national borders within North America; and

16 Whereas a March 31, 2006, White House news release confirmed the continuing existence of the 17 Security and Prosperity Partnership, which a March 23, 2005, White House news release called an 18 "ongoing process of cooperation"; and

19 Whereas United States Representative Ron Paul has written that an extensive new North 20 American Free Trade Agreement superhighway is part of the Security and Prosperity Partnership 21 plan: "[U]nder this new 'partnership,' a massive highway is being planned to stretch from Canada 22 into Mexico, through the state of Texas."; and

Whereas this trilateral partnership 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 Security and Prosperity Partnership and North American Union process, specifically, the open borders vision of the Security and Prosperity Partnership and the increased law enforcement problems and eminent domain takings of private property along the planned superhighways; now, therefore,

30 Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:

31 That we, the members of the Seventy-fourth Legislative Assembly, respectfully request that the

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- 1 Congress of the United States withdraw the United States from further participation in the Security
- 2 and Prosperity Partnership of North America and other activities that advance, authorize, fund or
- 3 promote the creation of a North American Union.

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