

This resolution expresses Congress' opposition to the United States entering in a North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) Superhighway System or a North American Union with Mexico and Canada.

While I support the open, free, and fair trade opportunities the United States has with its neighbors to the north and south, like you, I believe it is important that further trade proposals and decisions are made transparent to the American people. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) recently informed me that no federal government funds have been designated for a NAFTA superhighway nor is there any federally recognized NAFTA superhighway project. In addition, FHWA, an agency in the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), stated that the DOT does not have the statutory authority to designate or direct funds to a NAFTA superhighway and has never sought such authority from Congress.

According to the FHWA, a private entity's venture to create a "supercorridor" and the Texas Department of Transportation's Trans-Texas Corridor project are often erroneously referred to as a "secret" NAFTA superhighway project. The North America's SuperCorridor Coalition, Inc. is a private entity that supports upgrading infrastructure along Interstate 35 from Texas to Minnesota and several other highways to improve freight transportation and secure the transportation of goods between the United States, Canada, and Mexico. The Trans-Texas Corridor project is a state-level project also designed to improve freight transportation, construct bypassing toll roads, and integrate several modes of cargo transportation within the state.

With regard to a North American Union, I strongly oppose the granting of any U.S. sovereignty to foreign entities. The U.S. Constitution squarely places the authority to make laws in the auspices of representatives elected by the American people through the three branches (legislative, executive, and judicial) of our federal government and the state governments.

According to the Congressional Research Service, no actions have been taken by the United States to enter into a "North American Union." However, the United States, Mexico, and Canada have entered into a dialogue, known as the Security and Prosperity Partnership of North America (SPP), that is designed to be a "trilateral effort to increase security and enhance prosperity among the United States, Canada and Mexico through greater cooperation and information sharing" and "to ensure that North America is the safest and best place to live and do business." The SPP agreement does not grant U.S. sovereignty to Mexico, Canada, or any other entity. Additional information regarding the SPP can be found on the Internet at [www.spp.gov](http://www.spp.gov)

Furthermore, it is important to note that any international agreement the United States enters into, if a North American Union or other similar proposal materialized, would have to be submitted by the President to the U.S. Senate for ratification as required by the U.S. Constitution before taking effect.