

(134th General Assembly)
(Senate Resolution Number 258)

A RESOLUTION

To condemn President Vladimir V. Putin and the Russian Federation for waging war against Ukraine beginning on Thursday, February 24, 2022, and to affirm Ukraine's sovereignty, independence, and territorial integrity.

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Ohio:

WHEREAS, On Thursday, February 24, 2022, President Vladimir V. Putin of Russia announced on television that he had decided "to carry out a special military operation" in Ukraine; and

WHEREAS, Shortly thereafter, Ukraine's national emergency service reported attacks in ten regions of the country, and the foreign minister labeled it "a full-scale invasion"; and

WHEREAS, According to Oleksiy Arestovich, an adviser to President Volodymyr Zelensky of Ukraine, more than 40 Ukrainian soldiers were killed and dozens were wounded in the initial fighting on Thursday morning; and

WHEREAS, Russian aggression has resulted in both military and civilian casualties in Ukraine, with the United Nations reporting on Saturday, February 26, 2022, that it had documented 240 civilian casualties, including at least 64 dead, while acknowledging that further casualties likely remained to be counted; and

WHEREAS, According to The New York Times, as of approximately four days following Russia's initial invasion, over 300,000 Ukrainian refugees have fled to the European Union; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 134th General Assembly of the State of Ohio, condemn President Putin and the Russian Federation's unprovoked and unjustified attack on Ukraine; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we affirm Ukraine's independence, sovereignty, and territorial integrity, as guaranteed by the United Nations Declaration on Principles of International Law Concerning Friendly Relations and Co-operation Among States; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit duly authenticated copies of this resolution to the members of the United States Congressional delegation from Ohio and the news media of Ohio.

President _____ of the Senate.

Adopted _____, 20____