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A R E S O L U T I O N

To urge the United States Congress to pass legislation to extend visas for Ukrainian refugees through the end of the Russo-Ukrainian war and to require the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services to process pending visa renewal applications.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

WHEREAS, As a result of the Russian military's unprovoked full-scale invasion of Ukraine and ongoing aggression, millions of Ukrainians have been forced to flee their homes; and

WHEREAS, The United States has a history of welcoming Ukrainians stretching back more than a century; and

WHEREAS, The United States government launched the Uniting for Ukraine program in April 2022 to provide a pathway for Ukrainian citizens and their immediate family members who are outside the United States to come to the United States and stay for a period of up to two years; and

WHEREAS, More than 230,000 Ukrainians were granted humanitarian parole for entry and admission into the United States through the Uniting for Ukraine program; and

WHEREAS, In February 2024, the Department of Homeland Security created a re-parole program for Ukrainians to request

an additional two years stay; and

WHEREAS, In February 2025, the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services placed an administrative hold on processing applications filed by parolee populations to renew their temporary status; and

WHEREAS, Following a ruling in the lawsuit *Svitlana Doe v. Noem*, the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services formally lifted this hold; and

WHEREAS, Despite this ruling, many renewal requests from Ukrainians have been denied, remained unadjudicated for months, or been further delayed by follow-up requests for evidence; and

WHEREAS, The war in Ukraine continues to devastate the country and shows no sign of ending; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of Representatives of the 136th General Assembly of the State of Ohio, in adopting this resolution, urge the United States Congress to pass legislation extending visas of Ukrainian refugees through the end of the Russo-Ukrainian war and to require the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services to process pending visa renewal applications; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit duly authenticated copies of this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United States, the President Pro Tempore and Secretary of the United States Senate, the Speaker and Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, each member of the Ohio Congressional delegation, and the news media of Ohio.