

A RESOLUTION

To condemn the Russian Federation for its invasion of Ukraine on Thursday, February 24, 2022, and to affirm the sovereignty, independence, and territorial integrity of Ukraine.

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives 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, Ukrainian and United Nations officials estimate that hundreds of Ukrainian civilians already have been killed, including children, with many more wounded; and

WHEREAS, Many countries have united in condemning the unprovoked Russian invasion of Ukraine and in applying unprecedented economic and other sanctions against Russia; and

WHEREAS, According to the Ohio History Connection, numerous Ohioans are descended from Ukrainian ancestors, and these Ukrainian Ohioans continue to enhance Ohio's cultural and social landscape; and

WHEREAS, By the 1880s, some Ukrainian immigrants had begun to settle in Ohio, and by 1900, approximately 10,000 Ukrainian immigrants lived in Ohio; and

WHEREAS, The United States became home to many Ukrainian refugees fleeing the violence of the Soviet-Ukrainian War; and

WHEREAS, According to the United States Census Bureau's American Community Survey, in 2019, approximately 42,111 individuals with Ukrainian ancestry lived in Ohio; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of Representatives of the 134th General Assembly of the State of Ohio, condemn 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 House of Representatives transmit duly authenticated copies of this resolution to the members of the United States Congressional delegation from Ohio and the news media of Ohio.

Speaker _____ *of the House of Representatives.*

Adopted _____, 20____