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Antonio, O'Brien, Peterson, Roegner, Romanchuk, Cirino, Dolan, Blessing,  
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**A RESOLUTION**

To condemn President Vladimir V. Putin and the 1  
Russian Federation for waging war against Ukraine 2  
beginning on Thursday, February 24, 2022, and to 3  
affirm Ukraine's sovereignty, independence, and 4  
territorial integrity. 5

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF OHIO:**

WHEREAS, On Thursday, February 24, 2022, President Vladimir 6  
V. Putin of Russia announced on television that he had decided 7  
"to carry out a special military operation" in Ukraine; and 8

WHEREAS, Shortly thereafter, Ukraine's national emergency 9  
service reported attacks in ten regions of the country, and the 10  
foreign minister labeled it "a full-scale invasion"; and 11

WHEREAS, According to Oleksiy Arestovich, an adviser to 12  
President Volodymyr Zelensky of Ukraine, more than 40 Ukrainian 13  
soldiers were killed and dozens were wounded in the initial 14  
fighting on Thursday morning; and 15

WHEREAS, Russian aggression has resulted in both military 16  
and civilian casualties in Ukraine, with the United Nations 17  
reporting on Saturday, February 26, 2022, that it had documented 18

240 civilian casualties, including at least 64 dead, while 19  
acknowledging that further casualties likely remained to be 20  
counted; and 21

WHEREAS, According to The New York Times, as of 22  
approximately four days following Russia's initial invasion, 23  
over 300,000 Ukrainian refugees have fled to the European Union; 24  
now therefore be it 25

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 134th 26  
General Assembly of the State of Ohio, condemn President Putin 27  
and the Russian Federation's unprovoked and unjustified attack 28  
on Ukraine; and be it further 29

RESOLVED, That we affirm Ukraine's independence, 30  
sovereignty, and territorial integrity, as guaranteed by the 31  
United Nations Declaration on Principles of International Law 32  
Concerning Friendly Relations and Co-operation Among States; and 33  
be it further 34

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit duly 35  
authenticated copies of this resolution to the members of the 36  
United States Congressional delegation from Ohio and the news 37  
media of Ohio. 38