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Condemning the Russian Federation's kidnapping of Ukrainian children.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. GRAHAM) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

RESOLUTION

Condemning the Russian Federation's kidnapping of
Ukrainian children.

Whereas, on February 24, 2022, the Russian Federation invaded the sovereign State of Ukraine in violation of international law;

Whereas Russian troops have since committed horrendous atrocities and human rights violations;

Whereas, as of March 2023, research indicates that agents of the Government of the Russian Federation have kidnapped and removed at least 6,000 innocent children from their homes in Ukraine, and have likely kidnapped tens of thousands more Ukrainian children;

Whereas United States officials have indicated that more than 1,800 children were taken from Russian-controlled areas of Ukraine to Russia during July 2022;

Whereas the Government of the Russian Federation continues to provide false information about these children to parents and international nongovernmental organizations and human rights observers, including claiming the children have no parents or family;

Whereas Russian authorities have loosened adoption laws to allow Russian families to more easily take custody of kidnapped Ukrainian children;

Whereas Russian authorities provide additional funds to Russian families housing kidnapped Ukrainian children and force kidnapped Ukrainian children to become Russian citizens;

Whereas this practice is in direct contradiction to any standard of reasonableness and civility;

Whereas this practice is associated with dictators who pose a threat to humanity, world peace, and human rights;

Whereas the International Criminal Court—

(1) has opened war crimes cases over the abductions and re-education of Ukrainian children; and

(2) has issued an arrest warrant for President Vladimir Putin; and

Whereas children worldwide should be protected against all forms of neglect, cruelty, and exploitation: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That Congress—

2 (1) condemns, in the strongest possible terms,

3 the Russian Federation's abduction of innocent chil-

4 dren from their families in Ukraine and the reloca-

1 tion of such children to re-education camps, where
2 they are indoctrinated, abused, and exploited;

3 (2) rebukes every other nation that provides aid
4 and support to the Russian Federation's kidnapping
5 enterprise;

6 (3) condemns forced adoptions of Ukrainian
7 children by Russian citizens contrary to inter-
8 national intercountry adoption norms and the Con-
9 vention on the Civil Aspects of International Child
10 Abduction, done at The Hague, October 25, 1980
11 (TIAS 11670); and

12 (4) implores the Russian Federation to work
13 with international human rights and children welfare
14 organizations to ensure the return of Ukrainian chil-
15 dren to their home country at the earliest available
16 opportunity.

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