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Commemorating the heroic sacrifices of the people of Ukraine 3 years after Russian President Vladimir Putin's illegal and unprovoked war against Ukraine on February 24, 2022, and recognizing the terrible cost of Russia's committing crimes against Humanity aggression.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 24, 2025

Ms. KAPTUR (for herself, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. QUIGLEY, and Mr. WILSON of South Carolina) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

RESOLUTION

Commemorating the heroic sacrifices of the people of Ukraine 3 years after Russian President Vladimir Putin's illegal and unprovoked war against Ukraine on February 24, 2022, and recognizing the terrible cost of Russia's committing crimes against Humanity aggression.

Whereas Russia initially, and without provocation, invaded the sovereign Nation of Ukraine in 2014 when it illegally annexed the Crimea, Donetsk, and Luhansk Oblasts;

Whereas, on February 24, 2022, Russian President Vladimir Putin and his administration launched a violent full-scale invasion of Ukraine;

Whereas Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine, intended to achieve Vladimir Putin's goal of seizing all of sovereign

Ukraine, has proven that Vladimir Putin's goal will not stand or ever come to pass;

Whereas, after 3 years of war in Ukraine, the people of Ukraine continue to demonstrate their commitment to defeating the Russian Federation and building a just and free democratic country;

Whereas the war being perpetrated against Ukraine today takes place in the context of a long history of occupation and persecution against it by authoritarian powers including Russia, the Soviet Union, and Nazi Germany;

Whereas over 12,000 Ukrainian civilians have been killed and nearly 29,178 injured by Russia's unjustified war of aggression, wounded by deliberate and indiscriminate Russian strikes against Ukraine;

Whereas over 19,000 Ukrainian-born children have been illegally abducted by the Russian Federation and sympathizers and taken to Russian-occupied territory in Ukraine or Russia in an attempt to forcibly turn them into Russian citizens and erase their Ukrainian heritage and identities;

Whereas the full-scale war in Ukraine has displaced nearly 4 million people inside the country and 6.8 million people into neighboring countries or other countries globally;

Whereas more than 14,600,000 people are in need of humanitarian assistance in Ukraine, representing over one quarter of Ukraine's pre-war population;

Whereas the total value of direct damage and destruction to Ukraine's infrastructure as a result to Russia's full-scale war to educational institutions, museums, religious institutions, energy sector, and cultural sites, medical facilities, residential building and homes, entertainment are-

nas, digital and telecommunications sector, agricultural sector, businesses, government buildings and more is estimated to be over \$400,000,000,000;

Whereas over 100,000 instances of crimes against humanity and war crimes committed by Russian forces, including the intentional targeting of civilians, sexual violence, torture, mass murder, and other crimes against humanity, have been recorded and verified;

Whereas the international community expressed concerns about the whereabouts and treatment of Ukrainians in Russian filtration camps who were possibly detained in unknown locations at high risk of torture and ill-treatment;

Whereas the International Criminal Court has indicted Vladimir Putin for his role in the war crime of unlawful deportation of children and transfer from Ukraine to Russia, and the United States has determined that Russia committed crimes against humanity during its war in Ukraine;

Whereas the involvement of China, Iran, and North Korea in furthering the violence being committed against the people of Ukraine, is evidence of the increasing coordination of an emerging “Axis of Tyranny”, whose primary intention is to sow instability at the expense of innocent civilians and as a means of undermining the security of the free world;

Whereas aside from individual international volunteers, Ukraine has fought this war entirely with Ukrainian personnel;

Whereas with aid from the United States and its allies, Ukraine has liberated territories that was once occupied by Russia;

Whereas Ukraine has destroyed as much as 40 percent of Russia's entire fighting military forces, including over 300,000 Russian casualties or as much as 90 percent of Russia's estimated initial invasion force; and

Whereas, since Ukraine's successful repulsing of Russia's initial invasion, the Ukrainian people have inspired the world through its heroic stand for democratic values: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) reaffirms its longtime commitment to the
3 people of Ukraine and strong support for Ukraine as
4 it defends itself against Russian aggression;

5 (2) unequivocally condemns Vladimir Putin and
6 his authoritarian regime;

7 (3) stands in solidarity with the people of
8 Ukraine in commemoration of the terrible costs
9 Ukraine has borne after 3 years of brutal war;

10 (4) recognizes the importance of Ukraine's his-
11 toric fight for the security and prosperity of all na-
12 tions on the continent of Europe and the United
13 States;

14 (5) commends the people of Ukraine who are
15 sacrificing greatly as they seek to rejoin the world

1 community of free, independent, and democratic Na-
2 tions;

3 (6) stands with the people of Ukraine to con-
4 tinue a range of substantive measures to prevent ex-
5 ternal direct and hybrid aggression against Ukraine
6 and hold Russia accountable for aggression and vio-
7 lations of international law;

8 (7) reaffirms to never recognize Russia's at-
9 tempted annexation of Crimea and full support for
10 international efforts, including in the Normandy
11 Format, aimed at negotiating a diplomatic resolution
12 to the Russia-led armed conflict in the Donetsk and
13 Luhansk regions of Ukraine on the basis of respect
14 for international law, including the UN Charter;

15 (8) expresses the need to restore Ukrainian
16 control over the Ukrainian territories temporarily oc-
17 cupied or controlled by Russia including Crimea and
18 the Donetsk and Luhansk regions;

19 (9) confirms the importance of the Budapest
20 Memorandum of December 5, 1994, and calls on
21 Russia to fulfill its previous commitments to respect
22 Ukraine's sovereignty and territorial integrity within
23 its internationally recognized borders;

24 (10) works on building Ukraine's resilience
25 against Russian aggression and reaffirmed the im-

1 portance of the Minsk agreements to end Russian
2 aggression against Ukraine;

3 (11) supports creating security conditions for
4 the full implementation of the Minsk Agreements;

5 (12) aims at deepening Ukraine's integration
6 into Euro-Atlantic institutions concurrent priorities;

7 and

8 (13) supports the United States-Ukraine Stra-
9 tegic Partnership Charter as a platform to advance
10 United States and Ukraine strategic interests.

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