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MARCH 8, 2022

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, MARCH 8, 2022

A RESOLUTION

1 Condemning the Russian Federation Council's vote to allow
2 Russian President Vladimir Putin to use the Russian army
3 outside the territory of the Russian Federation and
4 condemning Russian President Vladimir Putin for launching an
5 invasion of Ukraine, and expressing support for Ukrainian
6 Americans in Pennsylvania.

7 WHEREAS, The Russian parliament's upper house, the Federation
8 Council, voted on February 22, 2022, to allow President Vladimir
9 Putin to use the Russian army outside the territory of the
10 Russian Federation; and

11 WHEREAS, After weeks of speculation and posturing, Russia
12 invaded Ukraine in the early morning hours of February 24, 2022;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, In a televised speech, Russian President Vladimir
15 Putin announced a military operation in eastern Ukraine; and

16 WHEREAS, President Putin stated that Russia was entering
17 Ukraine as an act of self-defense; and

1 WHEREAS, Russian forces invaded in a coordinated attack by
2 land, air and sea; and

3 WHEREAS, Ukrainian troops fought Russian forces along the
4 entire Ukrainian border; and

5 WHEREAS, Russian tanks and troops entered Ukraine from
6 neighboring Belarus in the north, Russia in the east and the
7 coasts of the Black Sea and the Sea of Azov in the south; and

8 WHEREAS, Russia carried out missile strikes on Ukrainian
9 infrastructure while denying attacks on civilians; and

10 WHEREAS, Foreign correspondents have reported the sounds of
11 missile impacts near the cities of Kyiv, Kramatorsk and Odesa;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Ukrainian civilians have fled and major highways
14 have been choked with traffic; and

15 WHEREAS, In cities like Kyiv, residents were forced to
16 shelter in subway stations and basements as air raid sirens
17 blared; and

18 WHEREAS, Hundreds of Ukrainian civilians and soldiers have
19 been killed and thousands have been wounded thus far; and

20 WHEREAS, World leaders have condemned the Russian invasion,
21 including United States President Joe Biden, United Kingdom
22 Prime Minister Boris Johnson, European Commission President
23 Ursula von der Leyen and NATO Secretary General Jens
24 Stoltenberg; and

25 WHEREAS, Leaders at all levels must oppose this unprovoked
26 Russian act of aggression; and

27 WHEREAS, We must stand with Ukrainians in this dark hour; and

28 WHEREAS, We must show support for the over 122,000 Ukrainian
29 Americans living in Pennsylvania; therefore be it

30 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the

1 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania condemn the Russian Federation
2 Council's vote to allow Russian President Vladimir Putin to use
3 the Russian army outside the territory of the Russian Federation
4 and Russian President Vladimir Putin for launching an invasion
5 of Ukraine, and expressing support for Ukrainian Americans in
6 Pennsylvania; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to
8 President Joe Biden, Vice President Kamala Harris, United States
9 Secretary of State Antony Blinken, United States Secretary of
10 Defense Lloyd Austin, United States Ambassador to the United
11 Nations Linda Thomas-Greenfield and to United States Ambassador
12 to the Russian Federation John J. Sullivan.