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Reaffirming the United States unwavering support for Ukraine's sovereignty, independence, and territorial integrity as Russia's illegal full-scale invasion of Ukraine hits its third year.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. MEEKS submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on _____

RESOLUTION

Reaffirming the United States unwavering support for Ukraine's sovereignty, independence, and territorial integrity as Russia's illegal full-scale invasion of Ukraine hits its third year.

Whereas, on February 24, 2022, Russia launched an unprovoked and brutal full-scale invasion of Ukraine, violating Ukraine's sovereignty and territorial integrity and subjecting the nation to acts of aggression that have threatened its independence and security;

Whereas, for three years, the people of Ukraine have demonstrated extraordinary resilience, courage, and deter-

mination despite relentless attacks on their homes, communities, sovereignty, and fundamental freedoms;

Whereas, in the three years since the invasion began, Russia has engaged in widespread and systematic war crimes, including—

(1) deliberate targeting of, including strikes on, residential buildings, schools, hospitals, and evacuation corridors;

(2) the forced deportation and kidnaping of at least 19,000 Ukrainian children to Russian-controlled territories in a deliberate attempt to erase Ukrainian identity;

(3) the destruction of Ukraine's agricultural and energy infrastructure in an effort to create humanitarian crises and disrupt global food supply chains; and

(4) the use of torture, extrajudicial killings, and mass graves in occupied Ukrainian territories, as documented by the United Nations, the International Criminal Court, and leading human rights organizations;

Whereas, despite these atrocities, the people of Ukraine remain unyielding, proving that even in the face of relentless bombardment and unspeakable suffering, their spirit and commitment to self-determination will never be extinguished;

Whereas the Russian Federation, despite its overwhelming use of force, has suffered catastrophic military losses, with estimates of over 800,000 killed, demonstrating that Putin's war of conquest has become both a strategic failure and a humanitarian disaster for Russia;

Whereas Ukraine, despite facing an opponent with a far larger population, army, and military arsenal, continues to fight courageously for its sovereignty, proving that its resilience and determination remain unshaken;

Whereas Russia's war has also destabilized global security, undermining the principles of sovereignty and nonaggression and emboldening authoritarian regimes seeking to redraw international borders by force; and

Whereas the United States, North Atlantic Treaty Organization, the European Union, and allied nations have demonstrated historic unity in their support for Ukraine: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) recognizes that discussions surrounding the
3 future of Ukraine must include Ukraine;

4 (2) condemns in the strongest possible terms
5 the Russian Federation's ongoing war crimes, its
6 targeted destruction of Ukrainian society, and its
7 blatant violations of international law;

8 (3) reaffirms the United States commitment to
9 the people of Ukraine and the principles of sov-
10 ereignty, independence, and territorial integrity
11 within internationally recognized borders;

12 (4) urges the immediate and unconditional
13 withdrawal of all Russian forces from Ukrainian ter-
14 ritory, including Crimea and the Donbas, and af-
15 firms that any negotiations must be based on
16 Ukraine's sovereignty, not dictated by Russian ulti-
17 matums;

18 (5) demands international institutions take de-
19 cisive action to ensure the safe return of at least

1 19,000 kidnaped Ukrainian children, recognizing
2 that their forced deportation is a war crime and an
3 act of genocide under international law;

4 (6) supports the continued prosecution of Vladi-
5 mir Putin and Russian political and military leaders
6 for war crimes, crimes against humanity, and geno-
7 cide, reinforcing that those who orchestrate such
8 atrocities must be held accountable before the world;
9 and

10 (7) stresses that any sustainable peace deal
11 must be built with Ukraine and our European allies
12 at the table.