

## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 49

Reps. Arbit, Stone, Martus, MacDonell, Koleszar, Weiss, McFall, Hood, Wegela, Mentzer, Rheingans, Andrews, Shannon, Hope, Brabec, Liberati, Morgan, Hill, Churches, Coffia, Scott, Neeley, McKinney, O'Neal, Byrnes, Brenda Carter, Wilson, Tyrone Carter, Hoskins, Haadsma, Puri, Rogers, Morse, Glanville, Price, Breen, Brixie, Edwards, Paiz, Whitsett, BeGole, Conlin, Fitzgerald, and Schuette offered the following resolution:

- 1           A resolution to honor the courage of the Ukrainian people.
- 2           Whereas, On February 24, 2022, the Russian Federation launched
- 3 an unprovoked, unjustified, and intolerable military assault on the
- 4 nation of Ukraine. While Russia has violated Ukraine's sovereign
- 5 territory for years, illegally annexing Crimea in 2014 and
- 6 militarily invading Ukraine's eastern regions of Donetsk and
- 7 Luhansk, the decision to engage in a protracted, full-scale

1 military assault on Ukraine is a violation of international law and  
2 human decency. The invasion of Ukraine has resulted in at least  
3 8,006 civilian deaths and over 13,200 injuries. Russia's criminal  
4 war has created 8 million refugees - Ukrainians who have been  
5 forced to flee their homes to seek sanctuary in other parts of  
6 Europe and around the world - and nearly 5.9 million internally  
7 displaced people. The illegal and brutal assault on Ukraine,  
8 continues to this day and is a crime against humanity, with  
9 unceasing Russian attacks against innocent Ukrainian civilian  
10 populations and critical infrastructure, leaving people without  
11 shelter, heat, and water. The United Nations estimates that 17.6  
12 million people in Ukraine, nearly half the population currently  
13 living in the country, will need humanitarian assistance this year;  
14 and

15       Whereas, The Russian Federation and its agents have engaged in  
16 the most heinous war crimes in Ukraine, including torturing,  
17 raping, and executing non-combatant civilians in contravention of  
18 the basic tenets of international law and forcibly relocating tens  
19 of thousands to hundreds of thousands of Ukrainian children to  
20 facilities far from their homes, severing communication with their  
21 families, and attempting to "re-educate" them to believe Russian  
22 propaganda and lies. These gravest violations of international  
23 humanitarian law can never be tolerated; and

24       Whereas, The President of the United States and the national  
25 legislatures of Poland, Canada, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, and the  
26 Republic of Ireland, alongside numerous respected institutions and  
27 scholars of genocide, have recognized the genocidal intent of the  
28 Russian Federation's illegal actions in Ukraine; and

29       Whereas, Members of minority communities in Ukraine have faced

1 disproportionate hardship as a result of Russia's illegal war,  
2 including LGBTQ+ Ukrainians, Ukrainian Jews, and black Ukrainians.  
3 Even before the 2022 invasion, Russian occupying authorities  
4 repressed Tatars and other religious minorities in occupied Crimea;  
5 now, therefore, be it

6       Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of  
7 this legislative body honor the courage of the Ukrainian people.