

## 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 and Whitsett 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  
8 military assault on Ukraine is a violation of international law and

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

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

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

28       Whereas, Members of minority communities in Ukraine have faced  
29 disproportionate hardship as a result of Russia's illegal war,

1 including LGBTQ+ Ukrainians, Ukrainian Jews, and black Ukrainians.  
2 Even before the 2022 invasion, Russian occupying authorities  
3 repressed Tatars and other religious minorities in occupied Crimea;  
4 now, therefore, be it

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