
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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GINGRICH, JUNE 9, 2014

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
JUNE 9, 2014

A RESOLUTION

1 Supporting the struggle of the Ukrainian people in their fight
2 for religious and civil liberties.

3 WHEREAS, In 2010, rulings by the Constitutional Court of
4 Ukraine restored powers to the President of Ukraine over the
5 military, the courts and enforcement agencies; and

6 WHEREAS, As a result of the Constitutional Court rulings,
7 prime ministers and regional governors could be appointed and
8 fired by the will of the Ukrainian president alone, with no
9 parliamentary oversight; and

10 WHEREAS, Ukrainian Media Holding and other media companies
11 lost their independence and ability to speak freely about the
12 country's ongoing political unrest after the Constitutional
13 Court rulings were implemented, and the majority of television
14 stations in Ukraine have been unable to voice independent
15 opinions; and

1 WHEREAS, Elections in Ukraine have been compromised, and
2 ballot tampering made it impossible to determine the winner of
3 five seats in the 2012 parliamentary election; and

4 WHEREAS, Ballot tampering compromises the civil liberties
5 guaranteed to the Ukrainian people in the Ukrainian
6 Constitution; and

7 WHEREAS, Ukrainian President Yanucovych was removed from
8 office in February 2014 following ongoing political unrest; and

9 WHEREAS, Presidential elections, originally scheduled for
10 February 2015, will be held in Ukraine on May 25, 2014; and

11 WHEREAS, The interim prime minister of Ukraine promises that
12 the forthcoming new constitution will reestablish civil and
13 religious liberties; therefore be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives support the
15 Ukrainian citizens in their efforts to restore civil and
16 religious liberties in their country; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to
18 the United States Department of State and to each member of
19 Congress from Pennsylvania.