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REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, MARCH 17, 2022

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the Congress of the United States to impose further
2 retaliatory measures against President Vladimir Putin for his
3 unprovoked and illegal invasion of Ukraine.

4 WHEREAS, On February 24, 2022, Russian President Vladimir
5 Putin pursued an unprovoked and illegal crime of aggression into
6 neighboring Ukraine; and

7 WHEREAS, Russian forces under the leadership of President
8 Vladimir Putin, who serves as the Supreme Commander-in-Chief of
9 the Russian Armed Forces, have killed Ukrainian civilians by
10 using explosive weapons in densely populated areas; and

11 WHEREAS, Russian aggression ordered by President Vladimir
12 Putin has already been met with widespread condemnation from the
13 President of the United States and members of the United States
14 Congress; and

15 WHEREAS, The aggression has also already been met with
16 widespread condemnation by over 87 countries; and

17 WHEREAS, Retaliatory measures have already been taken against
18 President Vladimir Putin and Russia both domestically and

1 internationally; and

2 WHEREAS, The Republic of Lithuania has declared a state of
3 emergency in the face of Russian aggression; and

4 WHEREAS, The International Criminal Court has already
5 examined potential crimes against humanity by President Vladimir
6 Putin and Russia during the illegal annexation of Crimea in
7 2014; and

8 WHEREAS, President Vladimir Putin has previously ordered the
9 invasion of neighboring countries; and

10 WHEREAS, In ordering attacks on neighboring countries,
11 President Vladimir Putin has been credibly accused of war crimes
12 for Russian attacks on civilians, civilian defense services,
13 hospitals and other civilian targets; and

14 WHEREAS, President Vladimir Putin has been credibly accused
15 of poisoning Russian dissidents living in the United Kingdom;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, President Vladimir Putin has been responsible for
18 the imprisonment of pro-democracy and human rights advocates;
19 therefore be it

20 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
21 urge the Congress of the United States to impose further
22 retaliatory measures against President Vladimir Putin for his
23 unprovoked and illegal invasion of Ukraine; and be it further

24 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
25 urge the Congress of the United States to impose the following
26 measures:

27 (1) Designate the Russian government as a state sponsor
28 of terrorism.

29 (2) Designate President Vladimir Putin as a war
30 criminal.

1 (3) Enforce the Magnitsky Act by sanctioning Russian
2 leaders who have violated human rights.

3 (4) Block all assets and all transactions of Russian
4 banking institutions.

5 (5) Place an embargo on Russian oil, gas and coal.

6 (6) Further invest in all forms of domestic energy to
7 reduce our dependence on foreign energy suppliers.

8 (7) Invest in projects like the Keystone XL pipeline in
9 order to deliver oil and natural gas across the United States
10 for domestic energy consumers.

11 (8) Make further investments in Pennsylvania natural gas
12 production in order to deliver relief to domestic energy
13 consumers and reduce reliance on foreign energy suppliers.

14 (9) Increase NATO reinforcements to all Baltic nations,
15 especially the Republic of Lithuania, and to the Republic of
16 Poland.

17 (10) Provide humanitarian assistance to displaced
18 Ukrainians.

19 (11) Recognize the Holodomor, the Great Famine of 1932-
20 1933, as genocide.

21 (12) Ban Russian propaganda accounts from social media.

22 (13) Ban all air travel over Russia;

23 and be it further

24 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to
25 all of the following:

26 (1) The President of the United States.

27 (2) The President pro tempore of the United States
28 Senate.

29 (3) The Speaker of the United State House of
30 Representatives.

1 (4) The Chairman of the United States Senate Committee
2 on Foreign Relations.

3 (5) The Chairman of the United States House of
4 Representatives Committee on Foreign Affairs.

5 (6) Each member of Congress from Pennsylvania.