

By: The Entire Membership

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 77

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO CONDEMN THE INVASION OF UKRAINE  
2 AND TO SEVER ALL ECONOMIC, FINANCIAL, CULTURAL AND OTHER  
3 CONNECTIONS WITH THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION, ITS LEADERS, AND ITS  
4 BUSINESSES.

5 WHEREAS, on February 24-25, 2022, Russian President, a  
6 dictator, Vladimir Putin launched a full-scale invasion targeting  
7 numerous cities in the sovereign nation of Ukraine that has been  
8 met with widespread international condemnation; and the attacks,  
9 which involved aerial and ground operations, have thus far  
10 resulted in senseless deaths, including civilian deaths and  
11 children, and injured thousands of people, tantamount to terrorism  
12 and murder, as well as created a humanitarian crisis and  
13 apocalyptic situation; and

14 WHEREAS, the State of Mississippi denounces this unprovoked  
15 invasion of Ukraine by armed forces of the Russian Federation as a  
16 violation of international law and the United Nations Charter  
17 which states that all member states shall refrain from the threat  
18 or use of force against the territorial integrity or political



19 independence of any state; and this Russian military offensive is  
20 deplorable; and

21 WHEREAS, there are more than one million people of Ukrainian  
22 ancestry living in the United States, including some citizens in  
23 Mississippi; and

24 WHEREAS, the State of Mississippi applauds the United States  
25 government's decision to ban all energy imports from Russia and  
26 urges the United States government to do whatever possible to  
27 support an increase in domestic energy production in the United  
28 States and to avoid purchasing energy from other nefarious  
29 countries; and

30 WHEREAS, the State of Mississippi applauds the United States  
31 companies who have ceased business transactions with Russia, and  
32 urges all companies and corporations to do so; and

33 WHEREAS, the State of Mississippi urges the United States  
34 government to send military aircraft, tactical gear, munitions and  
35 other military and humanitarian aid to support Ukraine; and

36 WHEREAS, the citizens of the State of Mississippi send our  
37 prayers and stand firm with President Volodymyr Zelenskyy and the  
38 citizens of Ukraine in their courageous resolve and unrelenting  
39 fight to maintain freedom; and

40 WHEREAS, the State of Mississippi reaffirms its commitment to  
41 Ukraine's sovereignty, independence, and territorial integrity:

42 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
43 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING



44 THEREIN, That we do hereby condemn Russia's invasion of Ukraine  
45 and violation of Ukraine's sovereignty, which is a violation of  
46 international law and of the United Nations Charter.

47 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That it is the policy and will of the  
48 Mississippi Legislature that the State of Mississippi sever all  
49 economic, financial, cultural and other connections, and refrain  
50 from engaging in future economic, financial, cultural and other  
51 connections with the Russian Federation, its leaders, and its  
52 businesses by prohibiting: the sale, purchase, distribution, or  
53 storage of alcoholic beverages from Russia at the Alcohol Beverage  
54 Control at the Department of Revenue; the investment of Public  
55 Employees' Retirement System assets in businesses or financial  
56 institutions owned by Russia or its citizens; the investment in  
57 Russian businesses through the Mississippi Development Authority  
58 or other publicly financed economic development projects; the use  
59 of Russian vendors for any services or goods for public entities,  
60 including state agencies, counties, and municipalities and other  
61 political subdivisions; and any other method of investing state  
62 assets or otherwise doing business with the Russian Federation,  
63 its leaders, and its businesses.

64 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution shall  
65 be transmitted by the Clerk of the House to members of  
66 Mississippi's Congressional delegation, to the President of the  
67 United States and to the members of the Capitol Press Corps.

