

By: Senator(s) Kirby, Williams, Blount

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 563

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

4 WHEREAS, on February 24-25, 2022, Russian President Vladimir  
5 Putin launched a full-scale invasion targeting numerous cities in  
6 Ukraine that has been met with widespread international  
7 condemnation. The attacks, which involved aerial and ground  
8 operations, have thus far resulted in civilian deaths, including  
9 children, and injured hundreds, if not thousands, of people; and

10 WHEREAS, this unprovoked invasion of Ukraine by armed forces  
11 of the Russian Federation is a violation of international law and  
12 the United Nations Charter which states that all member states  
13 shall refrain from the threat or use of force against the  
14 territorial integrity or political independence of any state.

15 This Russian military offensive is unacceptable; and

16 WHEREAS, there are more than one million people of Ukrainian  
17 ancestry living in the United States, including some citizens in  
18 Mississippi.



19           WHEREAS, the State of Mississippi expresses its strongest  
20 concern regarding reports of civilian casualties from this Russian  
21 aggression, and calls for ensuring humanitarian access and respect  
22 for the relevant provisions of international humanitarian law and  
23 human rights; and

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

26           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
27 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That  
28 we do hereby condemn Russia's invasion of Ukraine and violation of  
29 Ukraine's sovereignty, which is a violation of international law  
30 and of the United Nations Charter.

31           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That it is the policy and will of the  
32 Mississippi Legislature that the State of Mississippi sever all  
33 economic, financial, and other connections, and refrain from  
34 engaging in future economic, financial, and other connections with  
35 the Russian Federation, its leaders, and its businesses by  
36 prohibiting: the sale, purchase, distribution, or storage of  
37 alcoholic beverages from Russia at the Alcohol Beverage Control at  
38 the Department of Revenue; the investment of Public Employees'  
39 Retirement System assets in businesses or financial institutions  
40 owned by Russia or its citizens; the investment in Russian  
41 businesses through the Mississippi Development Authority or other  
42 publicly financed economic development projects; the use of  
43 Russian vendors for any services or goods for public entities,



44 including state agencies, counties, and municipalities and other  
45 political subdivisions; and any other method of investing state  
46 assets or otherwise doing business with the Russian Federation,  
47 its leaders, and its businesses.

48 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this concurrent resolution shall  
49 be transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the  
50 House to members of Mississippi's Congressional delegation and to  
51 the President of the United States.

