

By: Senator(s) Thompson, Barnett, McCaughn,
Jackson

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 9

1 A RESOLUTION JOINING THE BISHOP OF BILOXI IN WELCOMING BISHOP
2 VITALIY KRYVYTSKYI OF KYIV-ZHYTOMYR IN WESTERN KYIV, UKRAINE, TO
3 THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI ON THE OCCASION OF THE VIGIL MASS
4 CELEBRATED IN HIS HONOR ON JANUARY 14, 2023, AND OFFERING OUR
5 CONTINUED PRAYERFUL SUPPORT FOR HIS PARISHIONERS AND HIS COUNTRY
6 IN THE SPIRIT OF INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP, UNDERSTANDING AND
7 MUTUAL RESPECT OF OUR CULTURES.

8 WHEREAS, on January 14, 2023, a Vigil Mass will be celebrated
9 at Our Lay of the Gulf Church in Bay St. Louis to welcome and in
10 honor of Bishop Vitaliy Kryvytskyi, Bishop of Kyiv-Zhytomyr in
11 Western Kyiv, Ukraine; and

12 WHEREAS, we reaffirm the State of Mississippi's unwavering
13 belief in the principles of international law and in the right of
14 sovereign regions in the Ukraine to be respected and safe within
15 their established borders, independent and self-governing and free
16 to follow their own values and build their own future; and

17 WHEREAS, this sentiment was evidenced under the provisions of
18 Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 563 (2022 Regular Session) under
19 which the Mississippi Legislature condemned the invasion targeting



20 numerous cities in Ukraine, which has been met with widespread
21 international shock and disapproval; and

22 WHEREAS, this sentiment was further evidenced by the naming
23 of the Province of Khmelnytskyi Oblast, Ukraine as a partner with
24 the State of Mississippi under the "Sister City International
25 Program" in April 2022; and

26 WHEREAS, in welcoming Bishop Kryvytskyi to our state, we
27 offer our continued prayerful support for his parishioners and his
28 country in their defense of sovereignty and democracy following
29 the Russian invasion and brutal unprovoked attack on their nation:

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
31 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby join the Bishop of Biloxi in
32 welcoming Bishop Vitaliy Kryvytskyi of Kyiv-Zhytomyr in Western
33 Kyiv, Ukraine, to the State of Mississippi on the occasion of the
34 Vigil Mass celebrated in his honor on January 14, 2023, and offer
35 our continued prayerful support for his parishioners and his
36 country in the spirit of international friendship, understanding
37 and mutual respect of our cultures.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
39 Bishop Vitaliy Kryvytskyi, Bishop of Kyiv-Zhytomyr, Ukraine;
40 forwarded to the Most Reverend Louis F. Kineman, III, Bishop of
41 Biloxi; Pass Christian Mayor R. James Rafferty; Mississippi's
42 Congressional delegation, and be made available to the Capitol
43 Press Corps.

