

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.

