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S. CON. RES. 42

Expressing the sense of the Congress that the sixtieth anniversary of the Ukraine famine of 1932–1933 should serve as a reminder of the brutality of Stalin’s repressive policies toward the Ukrainian people.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 7, 1993

Mr. RIEGLE (for himself, Mr. DECONCINI, Mr. D’AMATO, Mr. BIDEN, and Mr. SARBANES) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the Congress that the sixtieth anniversary of the Ukraine famine of 1932–1933 should serve as a reminder of the brutality of Stalin’s repressive policies toward the Ukrainian people.

Whereas this year marks the sixtieth anniversary of the Ukraine famine of 1932–1933;

Whereas, during 1932–1933, an estimated seven million to ten million people starved to death in Ukraine because of forced collectivization and grain seizures from the rural population by the Government of the Soviet Union;

Whereas Public Law 99–180 established the Commission on the Ukraine Famine to conduct a study to expand the world’s knowledge of the famine and to provide the

American public with a better understanding of the former Soviet system by revealing the Soviet role in the Ukraine famine;

Whereas the Commission's report to Congress confirms that Soviet dictator "Joseph Stalin and those around him committed genocide against Ukrainians in 1932–1933" to repress the Ukrainian peasantry and to suppress Ukrainian self-assertion;

Whereas, on February 7, 1990, the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Ukraine acknowledged that the Ukraine famine was artificially created by the policies of Stalin and his closest associates;

Whereas internationally accepted principles of human rights prohibit the use of food as a political weapon;

Whereas the official observances of the Days of Sorrow and Remembrance of the Victims of the Imposed Famine are commemorated this year on September 10 through 12 in Kiev, Ukraine; and

Whereas members of the Commission on the Ukraine Famine are presenting a copy of their findings and conclusions to the Government of Ukraine during the official observances in Ukraine: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives*
2 *concurring),*

3 **SECTION 1. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

4 It is the sense of the Congress that—

5 (1) the victims of the Soviet-engineered Ukraine
6 famine of 1932–1933 be solemnly remembered on its
7 sixtieth anniversary;

1 (2) this anniversary underscores the hardship
2 and inhumanity of life under the repressive regime
3 of the Soviet Union during the Ukraine Famine of
4 1932–1933;

5 (3) the Congress condemns the systematic dis-
6 regard for human life, human rights, and human lib-
7 erty that characterized the policies of the Govern-
8 ment of the Soviet Union during the Ukraine famine
9 of 1932–1933;

10 (4) the presentation of a copy of the findings
11 and conclusions of the Commission on the Ukraine
12 Famine to the Government of Ukraine on September
13 10–12 by members of the Commission will assist in
14 the dissemination of information about the Ukraine
15 famine of 1932–1933, and thereby help to prevent
16 similar future tragedies; and

17 (5) the manmade Ukraine famine is a graphic
18 illustration of the unacceptable alternative to democ-
19 racy and a free market economy, and therefore the
20 United States should seek to help Ukraine and other
21 newly independent States of the former Soviet Union
22 as they transform their societies.

23 **SEC. 2. TRANSMITTAL OF RESOLUTION.**

24 The Secretary of the Senate shall transmit a copy
25 of this resolution to the President and the Secretary of

- 1 State and request that the Secretary of State transmit a
- 2 copy of the resolution to the Government of Ukraine.

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