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H. R. 591

To authorize the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America to establish a memorial on Federal land in the District of Columbia to honor the victims of the Ukrainian famine-genocide of 1932–1933.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 5, 2003

Mr. LEVIN (for himself, Mr. HOEFFEL, Mr. OLVER, Mr. WEINER, Mr. McNULTY, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mr. QUINN, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. HINCHEY, Ms. BERKLEY, Mr. WOLF, Ms. WATSON, Mr. ENGEL, Ms. KILPATRICK, Mr. BERMAN, Mr. JEFFERSON, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. DOGGETT, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mr. HOLT, Mr. LANGEVIN, Mrs. LOWEY, Mr. KUCINICH, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, and Mrs. MALONEY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. FINDINGS.**

4 Congress finds the following:

1 (1) Internationally accepted principles of
2 human rights condemn the use of food as a political
3 weapon.

4 (2) In the years 1932–1933, Ukraine was rav-
5 aged and its people brought to the verge of physical
6 extinction by a famine caused not by natural causes
7 such as pestilence, drought, floods, or poor harvest,
8 but as a consequence of a premeditated policy on the
9 part of the Soviet Government led by Joseph Stalin
10 to crush the nationally conscious Ukrainian people
11 and destroy their national, political, cultural, and re-
12 ligious rights.

13 (3) Attempts at intercessions were made by the
14 United States Government during the height of the
15 famine, in the fall/winter of 1932–1933, indicating
16 that it has always been the traditional policy of the
17 United States to recognize events such as the fam-
18 ine-genocide in Ukraine.

19 (4) The United States Commission on the
20 Ukraine Famine found in its report filed in 1988
21 pursuant to Public Law 98–473 that the Ukrainian
22 famine was a deliberate policy of the Soviet Govern-
23 ment.

1 (5) The Ukrainian famine is considered an un-
2 precedented heinous crime of genocide as defined by
3 the United Nations Genocide Convention.

4 (6) Ukrainian communities worldwide plan to
5 commemorate the 75th anniversary of the Ukrainian
6 famine-genocide with appropriate observances to pay
7 tribute to the victims of this tragedy.

8 **SEC. 2. AUTHORITY TO ESTABLISH MEMORIAL.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Ukrainian Congress Com-
10 mittee of America is authorized to establish a memorial
11 on Federal land in the District of Columbia to honor the
12 victims of the Ukrainian famine-genocide of 1932–1933.

13 (b) COMPLIANCE WITH STANDARDS FOR COMMEMO-
14 RATIVE WORKS.—The establishment of the memorial shall
15 be in accordance with the Commemorative Works Act (40
16 U.S.C. 1001 et seq.), except that sections 2(c), 6(b), 8(b),
17 and 10(c) of that Act shall not apply with respect to the
18 memorial.

19 **SEC. 3. LIMITATION ON PAYMENT OF EXPENSES.**

20 The United States Government shall not pay any ex-
21 pense for the establishment of the memorial or its mainte-
22 nance.

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