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Expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the genocidal Ukraine Famine
of 1932–33.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. CAMPBELL submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the
Committee on Foreign Relations

RESOLUTION

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Ukraine Famine of 1932–33.

Whereas 2003 marks the 70th anniversary of the Ukraine Famine, a manmade disaster that resulted in the deaths of millions of innocent Ukrainian men, women, and children and annihilated an estimated 25 percent of the rural population of that country;

Whereas it has been documented that large numbers of inhabitants of Ukraine and the then largely ethnically Ukrainian North Caucasus Territory starved to death in the famine of 1932–33, which was caused by forced collectivization and grain seizures by the Soviet regime;

Whereas the United States Government's Commission on the Ukraine Famine concluded that former Soviet leader Joseph Stalin and his associates committed genocide

against Ukrainians in 1932–33, using food as a political weapon to achieve the aim of suppressing any Ukrainian expression of political and cultural identity and self-determination;

Whereas, as a result, millions of rural Ukrainians starved amid some of the world’s most fertile farmland, while Soviet authorities prevented them from traveling to areas where food was more available;

Whereas requisition brigades, acting on Stalin’s orders to fulfill the impossibly high grain quotas, seized the 1932 crop, often taking away the last scraps of food from starving families and children and killing those who resisted;

Whereas Stalin, knowing of the resulting starvation, intensified the extraction from Ukraine of agricultural produce, worsening the situation and deepening the loss of life;

Whereas, during the Ukraine Famine, the Soviet Government exported grain to western countries and rejected international offers to assist the starving population;

Whereas the Ukraine Famine was not a result of natural causes, but was instead the consequence of calculated, ruthless policies that were designed to destroy the political, cultural, and human rights of the Ukrainian people;

Whereas the Soviet Union engaged in a massive coverup of the Ukraine Famine, and journalists, including some foreign correspondents, cooperated with the campaign of denial and deception; and

Whereas, 70 years later, much of the world is still unaware of the genocidal Ukraine Famine: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the Senate that—

1 (1) the millions of innocent victims of the So-
2 viet-engineered Ukraine Famine of 1932–33 should
3 be solemnly remembered and honored on the 70th
4 anniversary of the famine;

5 (2) the 70th anniversary of the Ukraine Fam-
6 ine should serve as a stark reminder of the brutality
7 of the totalitarian, imperialistic Soviet regime under
8 which respect for human rights was a mockery and
9 the rule of law a sham;

10 (3) the Senate condemns the callous disregard
11 for human life, human rights, and manifestations of
12 national identity that characterized the Stalinist
13 policies that caused the Ukrainian Famine;

14 (4) the manmade Ukraine famine of 1932–33
15 was an act of genocide as defined by the United Na-
16 tions Genocide Convention;

17 (5) the Senate supports the efforts of the Gov-
18 ernment of Ukraine and the Verkhovna Rada (the
19 Ukrainian parliament) to publicly acknowledge and
20 call greater international attention to the Ukraine
21 Famine; and

22 (6) an independent, democratic Ukraine, in
23 which respect for the dignity of human beings is the
24 cornerstone, offers the best guarantee that atrocities

- 1 such as the Ukraine Famine never beset the Ukrain-
- 2 ian people again.

