
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REMEMBERING THE 90TH ANNIVERSARY OF UKRAINIAN GENOCIDE
(HOLODOMOR) BY THE SOVIET UNION IN 1932-1933.

1 WHEREAS, 90 years ago, in 1933, Soviet Leader Joseph Stalin
2 and his totalitarian regime committed an act of genocide through
3 the implementation of an engineered famine, confiscating all
4 foodstuffs from the Ukrainian people resulting in the deaths of
5 7-10 million innocent men, women, and children; and
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7 WHEREAS, this genocide, Holodomor, meaning "murder by
8 starvation", was specifically designed by the Soviet regime to
9 punish independent-minded Ukrainians for their resistance to
10 Stalin's political, economic, cultural, and social subjugation;
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13 WHEREAS, even as the Soviets continued to export Ukraine's
14 grain to the rest of the world, Ukrainian farmers, who tended to
15 the farms in the breadbasket of Europe, were purposefully
16 starved in a slow and painful death; and
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18 WHEREAS, hundreds of archival KGB documents created during
19 this genocide detailed and described the Soviet regime's actions
20 and intention to destroy Ukraine's national identity by
21 deporting and executing Ukraine's religious, intellectual, and
22 cultural leaders, and prosecuting or executing others who dared
23 to speak of the Holodomor; and
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25 WHEREAS, through a recently released major motion film
26 entitled "Mr. Jones," depicting Welsh journalist Gareth Jones
27 who witnessed and reported on the Holodomor, the world is
28 afforded an opportunity to understand the realities of the
29 Soviet crime; and
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31 WHEREAS, the official recognition by the government of
32 Ukraine of the Holodomor as a genocide represents a significant



1 step in adjudicating Soviet crimes and in reestablishing
2 Ukraine's national identity and the advancement of efforts to
3 establish a democratic and free Ukraine that is fully integrated
4 into the Western community of nations; and

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6 WHEREAS, the current war in Ukraine has been referred to as
7 a genocide and is yet another example of relentless Russian
8 aggression attempting to suppress a freedom-loving nation and
9 its social, cultural, historical, economic, and national
10 development; and

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12 WHEREAS, in relating the historical context of the 1932-
13 1933 Holodomor and the current war in Ukraine, the poignant
14 theme as we approach the upcoming 90th anniversary
15 commemoration of the Holodomor remains profound and significant:
16 "Holodomor Then, Genocide Now, Justice When?"; now, therefore,

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18 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
19 Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
20 Session of 2023, that all individuals, groups, organizations,
21 and institutions are urged to remember the Ukrainian Holodomor-
22 Genocide of 1932-1933 with appropriate activities designed to
23 honor its victims and educate about this tragic episode in the
24 world's history; and

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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
27 Resolution be transmitted to Ukrainian President Volodymyr
28 Zelenskyy, the Ukrainian Ambassador to the United States, and
29 members of the Ukrainian Caucus in the United States Congress.

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