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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Russia has launched an unprecedented military
3 assault on Ukraine by land, air, and sea that has already left
4 many dead, and the fighting appears to be some of the worst
5 conventional warfare Europe has seen since World War II and
6 the conflicts in the Balkans in the 1990s; and

7 WHEREAS, Officials in the country believe Russia's plan is
8 to overthrow the Ukrainian leadership and install a
9 pro-Russian government; and

10 WHEREAS, Western leaders were united in their swift and
11 strong condemnation of Russia's military action; and

12 WHEREAS, President Joe Biden stated that Russian President
13 Vladimir Putin had "committed an assault on the very
14 principles that uphold the global peace" and has imposed harsh
15 new sanctions on Russia meant to punish the country; and

16 WHEREAS, The United Nations has estimated that
17 approximately 100,000 Ukrainians have already been displaced
18 as a result of the Russian invasion, and that number could
19 ultimately grow to one to five million; and

20 WHEREAS, The international community is making

1 preparations to meet the humanitarian needs of those who are
2 displaced; and

3 WHEREAS, Central Europe is welcoming Ukrainians, but those
4 countries are not currently equipped to handle the volume of
5 refugees that are likely to arrive on their borders in the
6 coming weeks, and European and U.S. leadership need to help
7 build that capacity; and

8 WHEREAS, Illinois is a welcoming state to refugees and
9 immigrants and home to a strong concentration of Ukrainian
10 immigrants and Ukrainian descendants in Chicago's Ukrainian
11 Village neighborhood; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
13 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE
14 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we join our federal leadership
15 and the international community in condemning Vladimir Putin
16 and the unprovoked Russian invasion of Ukraine, we stand in
17 support of the Ukrainian community and applaud President
18 Biden's strong sanctions on Russia, and we call on the people
19 and leadership of our State to dedicate and coordinate
20 resources to support the Ukrainian refugees who have been and
21 will be displaced due to this conflict.