

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.243

Rep. Filler offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to condemn the Russian invasion of Ukraine in the
2 strongest possible terms.

3 Whereas, On February 24, 2022, Russian President Vladimir
4 Putin announced a "special military operation" in Ukraine. Soon
5 after, the Russian military launched a full-scale invasion of its
6 neighbor, including sending troops into the country and bombing
7 major cities; and

8 Whereas, This unjustified invasion has already caused needless
9 anguish and loss of life. Ukrainian soldiers have been killed or
10 wounded, and thousands of refugees have fled to neighboring
11 countries to escape the bloodshed; and

12 Whereas, The attack on Ukraine is unprovoked and demonstrates
13 a blatant violation of the Budapest Memorandum, a 1994 agreement

1 between the United States, Russia, and Great Britain. As part of
2 the agreement, Russia committed to "respect the independence and
3 sovereignty and the existing borders of Ukraine" and "to refrain
4 from the threat or use of force" against the country; and

5 Whereas, President Putin has continued to demonstrate a
6 dangerous disregard for international law and a chilling
7 indifference to the unnecessary loss of human life. In announcing
8 the invasion, he commented that Russia remains a powerful nuclear
9 state and threatened grave consequences for countries that
10 interfere with Russia's goal. It is vital that we remain united in
11 our condemnation of statements and actions that portend a global
12 nuclear threat; now, therefore, be it

13 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we condemn the
14 Russian invasion of Ukraine in the strongest possible terms; and be
15 it further

16 Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to
17 President of the Russian Federation.