

SECOND REGULAR SESSION  
HOUSE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
**HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 3737**  
**101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

1           **WHEREAS**, following the collapse of the Soviet Union, the Ukrainian people voted  
2 overwhelmingly to form a nation independent from Russia, building a democracy and a  
3 thriving country grounded in the rule of law; and  
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5           **WHEREAS**, in the three decades since gaining its independence, Ukraine has sought  
6 to forge its own path as a sovereign state and sought closer economic, social, and political ties  
7 with the free market and democratic nations of the West; and  
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9           **WHEREAS**, the Russian Federation deployed military assets, seeking to block the  
10 free will of the Ukrainian people from their pursuit of security, peace, and prosperity through  
11 their own democratic republic; and  
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13           **WHEREAS**, the Russian Federation military, at the direction of Vladimir Putin,  
14 began a premeditated and brutal assault on the people of Ukraine without provocation and  
15 without justification by launching a violent and illegal invasion that has led to war crimes due  
16 to the murder of innocent civilian men, women, and children; and  
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18           **WHEREAS**, the Russian Federation violated international peace by mobilizing over  
19 one hundred fifty thousand troops to invade the sovereign nation of Ukraine, bringing the  
20 ravages of war, the destruction it sows, and the tyranny it leaves behind; and  
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22           **WHEREAS**, the Russian Federation's action, as a direct attack against Ukraine,  
23 violates the 1994 Budapest Memorandum on Security Assurances, as well as the peace,  
24 prosperity, and stability of Europe that has been enjoyed for more than seventy years; and  
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26           **WHEREAS**, on or about January 20, 2021, President Biden banned all new oil and  
27 gas leases on public land and waters; and  
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29           **WHEREAS**, President Biden canceled the construction of the Keystone XL pipeline  
30 project on or about January 21, 2021; and

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32           **WHEREAS**, on or about January 21, 2021, President Biden placed a ban on oil  
33 drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge; and

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35           **WHEREAS**, the Keystone XL pipeline would have produced at least eight hundred  
36 and thirty thousand barrels of oil per day; and

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38           **WHEREAS**, the Keystone XL pipeline would have been the world's first zero-  
39 emission energy pipeline; and

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41           **WHEREAS**, since the decision of President Biden to stop the construction of the  
42 Keystone XL pipeline, the United States purchases roughly six hundred thousand of barrels of  
43 oil per day from Russia; and

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45           **WHEREAS**, as of late 2021, Russia is supplying seven percent of crude oil imports to  
46 the United States; and

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48           **WHEREAS**, in March of 2021, President Biden unilaterally canceled the sale of  
49 eighty million acres of Gulf of Mexico oil leases; and

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51           **WHEREAS**, prior to President Biden taking office, the United States was exporting  
52 oil to other nations and was largely energy independent; and

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54           **WHEREAS**, by continuing to purchase oil from Russia, the United States is  
55 financially supporting a tyrannical nation that has unnecessarily waged war on a peaceful  
56 sovereign nation; and

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58           **WHEREAS**, if the United States is going to implement worthwhile sanctions against  
59 Russia, it must zero in on penalizing Russia's energy sector; and

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61           **WHEREAS**, shortly after Russia's invasion of Ukraine, oil prices rose to over one  
62 hundred dollars per barrel for the first time since 2014; and

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64           **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that, in order to assist Americans with the  
65 ever-rising costs of energy and to effectively sanction Russia for their invasion of Ukraine,

66 the Missouri House of Representatives of the One Hundred First General Assembly, Second  
67 Regular Session hereby urges the following:

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69 (1) President Biden to rescind all prohibitions, cancellations, or bans on drilling,  
70 pipeline projects, and aforementioned sales of oil leases;

71 (2) Congress to enact policies that ensure the United States is energy independent in  
72 light of Russia's invasion of Ukraine;

73 (3) President Biden to instruct all federal agencies to identify and rescind existing  
74 regulations that have the effect of reducing American energy independence, and bar new  
75 climate rules that reduce energy security or raise energy prices, and direct all federal agencies  
76 to work to achieve energy independence by 2024;

77 (4) President Biden and Congress to defund all contributions of the United States to  
78 any provisions of the Paris Climate Agreement;

79 (5) President Biden to terminate the new "waters of the United States" (WOTUS)  
80 regulation, which restricts the ability of the United States to become energy independent, and  
81 preserve the Trump Administration's standards; and

82 (6) Congress to restrict the ability of the President of the United States to use  
83 executive orders to change national energy policy without the approval of Congress; and

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85 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Missouri House of Representatives strongly  
86 supports the rights of the people of Ukraine to freely determine their future, including their  
87 country's relationship with other nations and international organizations, without interference,  
88 intimidation, or coercion by other countries, and the Missouri House of Representatives is  
89 committed to solidarity with the people and government of Ukraine; and

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91 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Missouri House of Representatives urges all  
92 Missourians to support and promote the democratic values of a free country and provide as  
93 much support as possible through generous donations and prayers for the Ukrainian people;  
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96 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Missouri House of Representatives urges  
97 the United States Government to immediately supply aid to assist in self-defense, medical  
98 supplies, and humanitarian aid to the Ukrainian people; and

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100 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Missouri House of Representatives urges  
101 the United States Government to work with the international coalition of the world's leading  
102 nations to ensure that all nations refuse to recognize the illegal invasion of Ukraine by the

103 Russian Federation and to ensure all the Russian Federation is held accountable and sustains  
104 the maximum penalty and consequences of its utter disregard for international law and human  
105 rights; and

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107 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of  
108 Representative be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the  
109 Nancy Pelosi, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives; Chuck Schumer,  
110 the Majority Leader of the United States Senate; and the members of the Missouri  
111 Congressional Delegation.

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