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Expressing the sense of Congress that the International Criminal Court should immediately proceed with prosecuting Russian President Vladimir Putin with war crimes should any harm befall Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy as a result of actions taken or directed by any Russian entity or authority.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 2, 2022

Mr. BURGESS (for himself, Ms. KAPTUR, Ms. MALLIOTAKIS, Mr. CARSON, Mr. QUIGLEY, Mr. HARRIS, Mr. MCKINLEY, Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio, Mr. COHEN, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. TIMMONS, Mr. PAPPAS, Mr. UPTON, Mr. BROOKS, Mr. CRENSHAW, Mr. SWALWELL, Ms. KUSTER, Mr. CARTER of Georgia, Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana, Mr. STEUBE, Mr. COSTA, Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. ARRINGTON, Mr. DIAZ-BALART, Mr. FALLON, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mr. BRADY, Mr. TONY GONZALES of Texas, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. MOORE of Alabama, Mr. ADERHOLT, Mr. NEWHOUSE, Mr. CAREY, Mr. MOORE of Utah, Mr. LAMBORN, Mr. COMER, Mr. PALMER, Mr. PFLUGER, Mr. STEWART, Mr. NORMAN, and Mr. WENSTRUP) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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Whereas, on February 24, 2022, Russia launched a large-scale air, land, and sea attack on the independent and democratic state of Ukraine;

Whereas, on February 25, 2022, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy stated, “According to the information we have, the enemy has marked me as target No. 1, my family as target No. 2. They want to destroy Ukraine politically by destroying the head of state.”;

Whereas President Zelenskyy has remained in Ukraine to fight with Ukrainians against the Russian invasion;

Whereas President Putin has called Ukraine’s democratically elected Government drug addicts and neo-Nazis;

Whereas Vladimir Putin is serving his fourth term as President of Russia and could potentially serve until 2036;

Whereas Russian state entities have been linked to the poisoning of several political dissidents and Russian enemies;

Whereas these poisonings include Ukrainian Presidential candidate Viktor Yushenko in 2004, Russian journalist Anna Politkovskaya in 2004, former Russian Federal Security Service (FSB) officer Alexander Litvinenko in 2006, former Russian FSB officer Sergey Skripal in 2018, and Russian opposition leader Alexey Navalny in 2020;

Whereas, on February 28, 2022, the International Criminal Court stated it would open a formal investigation into Russia’s invasion of Ukraine;

Whereas International Criminal Court Prosecutor Karim A.A. Khan stated, “I am satisfied that there is a reasonable basis to believe that both alleged war crimes against humanity have been committed in Ukraine . . .”;

Whereas the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court includes the Court's jurisdiction over the crime of genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes, and the crime of aggression; and

Whereas, on February 20, 2014, Ukraine made a declaration accepting jurisdiction of the International Criminal Court on an open-ended basis: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
 2 *concurring)*, That it is the sense of Congress that the
 3 International Criminal Court should immediately proceed
 4 with prosecuting Russian President Vladimir Putin with
 5 war crimes should any harm befall Ukrainian President
 6 Volodymyr Zelenskyy as a result of actions taken or di-
 7 rected by any Russian entity or authority.

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