

103^D CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. CON. RES. 140

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the Congress that the 60th anniversary of the Ukraine famine of 1932–1933 should serve as a reminder of the brutality of Stalin's repressive policies toward the Ukrainian people.

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Whereas this year marks the 60th anniversary of the Ukraine famine of 1932–1933;

Whereas, within one year, an estimated 7 million to 10 million people starved to death in Ukraine because of forced collectivization and grain seizures from the rural population by the Government of the Soviet Union;

Whereas Public Law 99–180 established the Commission on the Ukraine Famine to conduct a study to expand the world’s knowledge of the famine and to provide the American public with a better understanding of the former Soviet system by revealing the Soviet role in the Ukraine famine;

Whereas the Commission's report to Congress confirms that Communist dictator Joseph Stalin consciously employed the brutal policy of forced famine to repress the Ukrainian peasantry in order to suppress Ukrainian self-assertion;

Whereas, on February 7, 1990, the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Ukraine acknowledged that the Ukraine famine was artificially created by the policies of Stalin and his closest associates;

Whereas internationally accepted principles of human rights condemn the use of food as a political weapon;

Whereas the official observances of the Days of Sorrow and Remembrance of the Victims of the Imposed Famine were held for the first time this year on September 10 through 12 in Kiev, Ukraine; and

Whereas members of the Commission on the Ukraine Famine presented a copy of 4 volumes of their findings and conclusions, 10 volumes of archival material, and 200 audio cassettes of testimony from famine survivors to the Government of Ukraine following the official observances in Kiev: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring),*

3 **SECTION 1. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

4 It is the sense of the Congress that—

5 (1) the victims of the Soviet-engineered Ukraine
6 famine of 1932–1933 be solemnly remembered on its
7 60th anniversary;

1 (2) this anniversary underscores the hardship
2 and inhumanity of life under the repressive regime
3 of the Soviet Union;

4 (3) the Congress condemns the systematic dis-
5 regard for human life, human rights, and human lib-
6 erty that characterized the policies of the Govern-
7 ment of the Soviet Union during the Ukraine famine
8 of 1932–1933;

9 (4) the presentation of a copy of the findings
10 and conclusions of the Commission on the Ukraine
11 Famine to the Government of Ukraine, as well as
12 the supplemental material, will assist in the dissemi-
13 nation of information about the Ukraine famine of
14 1932–1933, and thereby help to prevent similar fu-
15 ture tragedies; and

16 (5) the manmade Ukraine famine is a graphic
17 illustration of the unacceptable alternative to democ-
18 racy and a free market economy, and therefore the
19 United States should seek to help Ukraine and the
20 other newly independent nations of the former Soviet
21 Union as they transform their societies.

22 **SEC. 2. TRANSMITTAL OF RESOLUTION.**

23 The Clerk of the House of Representatives shall
24 transmit a copy of this resolution to the President and
25 the Secretary of State and request that the Secretary of

- 1 State transmit a copy of the resolution to the Government
- 2 of Ukraine.

Passed the House of Representatives October 12,
1993.

Attest:

Clerk.