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SENATE RESOLUTION

TO CONDEMN THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION'S INVASION OF THE
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Subtitle

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WHEREAS, the Russian Federation has repeatedly violated the sovereignty of Ukraine; and

WHEREAS, during the administration of President Obama, the Russian Federation invaded the Crimean Peninsula, which rightly is part of the sovereign nation of Ukraine; and

WHEREAS, during the administration of President Trump, no additional territory belonging to the sovereign nation of Ukraine was taken by the Russian Federation; and

WHEREAS, since the administration of President Biden began, the Russian Federation has resumed its violations of the sovereignty of Ukraine including its unjust and unprovoked full scale invasion of the sovereign nation of Ukraine on February 24, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the United Nations has been unable to prevent the Russian Federation from invading the sovereign nation of Ukraine as the Russian Federation holds a permanent seat and right of veto on the United Nations Security Council; and



WHEREAS, the United States must take steps to penalize the Russian Federation for its actions against the sovereign nation of Ukraine and to deter the Russian Federation and others from violating the sovereignty of other nations by imposing aggressive sanctions against the Russian Federation; and

WHEREAS, the United States must place sanctions on Russian oil and other natural resources of the Russian Federation and reduce the United States' dependence on foreign oil by increasing domestic oil production and reauthorizing the Keystone Pipeline; and

WHEREAS, if the United States fails to respond adequately to the actions of the Russian Federation, other countries such as the People's Republic of China may be emboldened to take similar actions against neighboring democratic nations like Taiwan,

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

THAT the Senate:

(a) Condemn the actions of the Russian Federation taken against the sovereign nation of Ukraine;

(b) Call for the United States to impose aggressive sanctions against the Russian Federation, including sanctions on Russian oil and other natural resources;

(c) Call for the United States to reduce its reliance on foreign oil supplies by increasing domestic oil production and having President Biden reauthorize the Keystone Pipeline;

(d) Call for the United States to push to exclude the Russian Federation from the international financial transaction system commonly known as the Society for Worldwide Interbank Financial Telecommunication or "SWIFT";

(e) Call for the United States to provide military aid to the Ukrainian Government and citizens, including anti-aircraft munitions, small

arms, and other vital military equipment that can be used to help the Ukrainians oppose the invasion of the Russian Federation; and

(f) Urge the United States to support the free people of Taiwan against aggression from the People's Republic of China.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon its adoption, a copy of this resolution be presented to President Joseph Biden; United States Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer; United States Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell; Speaker of the United States House of Representatives Nancy Pelosi; United States House of Representatives Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy; United States Senators John Boozman and Tom Cotton; United States Representatives French Hill, Rick Crawford, Steve Womack, and Bruce Westerman, and Arkansas Governor Asa Hutchinson by the Secretary of the Senate.