



## 2022 South Dakota Legislature

# Senate Resolution 702

Introduced by: **Senator Klumb**

1    **A RESOLUTION, urging support for the people of Ukraine.**

2        WHEREAS, in recent days, Russian President Vladimir Putin amassed a large military force  
3    and invaded the sovereign nation of Ukraine; and

4        WHEREAS, with little-to-no assistance from other sovereign nations—apart from weapons,  
5    financial aid, and the imposition of economic sanctions—the people of Ukraine have put forth  
6    a herculean effort to protect their homeland and to repel the Russian invasion; and

7        WHEREAS, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, the great grandson of a Jewish  
8    Holocaust victim, has become a stalwart of hope for his struggling nation, vowing to stay in  
9    Ukraine, with his family, and fight for his beloved country, and turning down offers of  
10   evacuation with the quip, “I need ammunition, not a ride”; and

11       WHEREAS, President Zelenskyy has inspired his countrymen to fight by his refusal to leave  
12   and his strength and courage in the face of overwhelming odds; and

13       WHEREAS, President Zelenskyy, the Ukrainian Military, and a courageous Ukrainian  
14   people, are together thwarting the Russian Army’s attempts to invade and ultimately destroy  
15   their nation; and

16       WHEREAS, many South Dakotans have friends and relatives in Ukraine and all South  
17   Dakotans honor the valiant effort of Ukrainians to confront the invading army and preserve  
18   and protect the country they love;

19       NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Senate of the Ninety-Seventh Legislature of  
20   the State of South Dakota, that the Senate stands with the people of Ukraine during this  
21   desperate time and strongly urges the United States Government to utilize all political,  
22   diplomatic, and military means, including lethal and non-lethal security assistance, to support  
23   and strengthen the defense of Ukraine, as the battle for Ukrainian lives and liberties continues.