



2022 South Dakota Legislature House Resolution 7005

Introduced by: **Representative Ladner**

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 House of Representatives of the Ninety-
20 Seventh Legislature of the State of South Dakota, that the House stands with the people of
21 Ukraine during this desperate time and strongly urges the United States Government to utilize
22 all political and diplomatic means to support and strengthen the defense of Ukraine, as the
23 battle for Ukrainian lives and liberties continues.