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H. RES. 1162

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives with respect to Ukraine,
and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ENGEL (for himself and Mr. ROYCE of California) submitted the following
resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

RESOLUTION

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respect to Ukraine, and for other purposes.

Whereas the United States is committed to supporting inter-
national norms and agreements governing the peaceful
relations between countries;

Whereas the Russian Federation has repeatedly violated
international norms and agreements by its continuing ag-
gression against Ukraine, including directing and arming
separatist forces in eastern Ukraine and forcibly occu-
pying and illegally annexing the Ukrainian territory of
Crimea;

Whereas the Russian Federation continues to foment conflict
in Ukraine in order to undermine the Ukrainian Govern-
ment and economy;

Whereas these actions have caused tremendous suffering for the Ukrainian people, with thousands of Ukrainians killed both in battle and in their homes, and hundreds of thousands made refugees;

Whereas the Russian Federation continues to deny any responsibility for the destruction of Malaysian Airlines flight 17 over Ukraine, which killed 298 innocent civilians;

Whereas the Russian Federation has continuously failed to meet its commitments under the Minsk II agreement;

Whereas the United States and its allies and partners around the world continue to support the Ukrainian people in their efforts to strengthen their government, economy, and military in order to bring peace and prosperity to their country and to the surrounding region;

Whereas the United States and its allies and partners around the world have imposed punitive sanctions and other measures against the Russian Federation for its continued aggression against Ukraine, including its occupation of Crimea;

Whereas the Russian Federation continues to expand its aggression against Ukraine, including militarization of the Azov Sea and blockading the Kerch Strait in contravention of international norms and agreements;

Whereas, on November 25, 2018, the Russian Federation fired upon and rammed Ukrainian vessels attempting to pass through the Kerch Strait and seized the Ukrainian vessels and their crews: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

1 (1) condemns the Russian Federation's firing
2 upon, ramming, and seizing Ukrainian vessels and
3 crews attempting to pass through the Kerch Strait
4 on November 25, 2018, as violations of binding
5 international norms and agreements;

6 (2) calls on the Russian Federation to imme-
7 diately return the Ukrainian vessels and their crews
8 to Ukraine;

9 (3) calls on the Russian Federation to cease its
10 violation of Ukraine's sovereignty and its efforts to
11 prevent Ukrainian vessels from transiting the Kerch
12 Strait, as is Ukraine's right under international
13 norms and agreements;

14 (4) reaffirms the United States commitment to
15 provide the people of Ukraine with political, eco-
16 nomic, and security assistance to enable them to se-
17 cure their independence, democracy, and prosperity;
18 and

19 (5) encourages the President and allies and
20 partners of the United States to hold the Russian
21 Federation accountable for its ongoing aggression
22 against Ukraine.

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