

1-1 By: Parker S.C.R. No. 16
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 7, 2023; February 17, 2023,
 1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Administration;
 1-4 March 30, 2023, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 6,
 1-5 Nays 0; March 30, 2023, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-15 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1-16 WHEREAS, Each November, individuals around the globe mark the
 1-17 somber anniversary of the *Holodomor*, the brutal and systematic
 1-18 starvation inflicted on the Ukrainian people by Joseph Stalin's
 1-19 Soviet regime in 1932 and 1933, an atrocity that resulted in the
 1-20 deaths of millions of people; and

1-21 WHEREAS, In the years following the formation of the Soviet
 1-22 Union, political and ethnic tensions remained high in Ukraine, and
 1-23 a series of independence movements and revolts occurred throughout
 1-24 the 1920s, threatening Soviet rule; in response, the Stalinist
 1-25 government sought to erode the Ukrainian national identity and
 1-26 quash any resistance; and

1-27 WHEREAS, Beginning in 1932, an artificial famine was created
 1-28 when Soviet officials greatly increased farm quotas and confiscated
 1-29 livestock, grain, and other crops; residents were confined to the
 1-30 region and purposefully left to starve, even as the Soviets
 1-31 continued to export locally grown grain to other areas; in
 1-32 addition, Ukrainian intellectual, cultural, and religious leaders
 1-33 were targeted for arrest and execution; and

1-34 WHEREAS, While estimates vary, it is thought that between 3.5
 1-35 and 10 million Ukrainians perished in the *Holodomor*, a term meaning
 1-36 "murder by starvation"; moreover, those who spoke out about the
 1-37 true nature of the famine were prosecuted or executed; and

1-38 WHEREAS, The *Holodomor* has been recognized as an act of
 1-39 genocide by the United States Senate and the U.S. Commission on the
 1-40 Ukrainian Famine, as well as by legislative bodies in Australia,
 1-41 Canada, Mexico, Poland, and numerous other nations; and

1-42 WHEREAS, With the threat of genocide and tyranny still
 1-43 present in our world, this horrific episode in human history offers
 1-44 warnings that remain strikingly relevant, and it is incumbent upon
 1-45 the global community to learn from the past in order to prevent
 1-46 similar atrocities from occurring in the future; now, therefore, be
 1-47 it

1-48 RESOLVED, That the 88th Legislature of the State of Texas
 1-49 hereby designate the month of November as Ukrainian Genocide
 1-50 Remembrance Month and urge the state's residents to reflect on the
 1-51 *Holodomor* and honor the memory of those who perished; and, be it
 1-52 further

1-53 RESOLVED, That, in accordance with the provisions of Section
 1-54 391.004(d), Government Code, this designation remain in effect
 1-55 until the 10th anniversary of the date this resolution is finally
 1-56 passed by the legislature.

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