SENATE RESOLUTION NO.111

Senators Chang and Wojno offered the following resolution: 1 A resolution to condemn the Russian invasion of Ukraine and 2 urge the world community to join together in sanctioning Russia. 3 Whereas, On February 24, 2022, Russian President Vladimir Putin announced a "special military operation" in Ukraine. Soon 4 after, the Russian military launched a full-scale invasion of its 5 6 neighbor, including sending troops into the country and bombing 7 major cities; and 8 Whereas, This unjustified invasion has already caused needless anguish and loss of life. Ukrainian soldiers have been killed or 9 wounded, and thousands of refugees have fled to neighboring 10 11 countries to escape the bloodshed; and 12 Whereas, The attack on Ukraine is unprovoked and demonstrates 13 a blatant violation of the Budapest Memorandum, a 1994 agreement

- 1 between the United States, Russia, and Great Britain. As part of
- 2 the agreement, Russia committed to "respect the independence and
- 3 sovereignty and the existing borders of Ukraine" and "to refrain
- 4 from the threat or use of force" against the country; and
- 5 Whereas, President Putin has continued to demonstrate a
- 6 dangerous disregard for international law and a chilling
- 7 indifference to the unnecessary loss of human life. In announcing
- 8 the invasion, he commented that Russia remains a powerful nuclear
- 9 state and threatened grave consequences for countries that
- 10 interfere with Russia's goal. It is vital that we remain united in
- 11 our condemnation of statements and actions that portend a global
- 12 nuclear threat; now, therefore, be it
- 13 Resolved by the Senate, That we condemn the Russian invasion
- 14 of Ukraine; and be it further
- 15 Resolved, That we urge the world community to join together in
- 16 sanctioning Russia; and be it further
- 17 Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the
- 18 President of the Russian Federation and the Secretary-General of
- 19 the United Nations.