

SENATE RESOLUTION NO.113

Senators Hollier, Barrett and Bayer offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to urge President Joe Biden and the Congress of
2 the United States to facilitate the resettlement of Ukrainian
3 refugees and to urge Governor Gretchen Whitmer to assist in
4 resettling refugees in Michigan.

5 Whereas, On February 24, 2022, the Russian military launched a
6 full-scale military assault on Ukraine. As troops invaded the
7 country, Russia launched other military attacks, including bombing
8 major Ukrainian cities; and

9 Whereas, As the Ukrainian military has valiantly defended
10 their homeland, the fighting has created a humanitarian crisis
11 among the country's civilians. Less than a week into the conflict,
12 hundreds of thousands of Ukrainian refugees have fled to other

1 countries. It has been estimated that this figure may climb to
2 several million; and

3 Whereas, These Ukrainian refugees have numerous needs that
4 must be met. Fleeing their homes, they need access to housing,
5 education, healthcare, and other basic needs. Taking in and
6 supporting the refugees is paramount to limiting the damage done by
7 Russia's violence; and

8 Whereas, As a world leader in standing up against oppression,
9 the United States has an obligation to commit itself to supporting
10 Ukrainian refugees, including facilitating their resettlement. As
11 Ukraine's neighbors may be overwhelmed by the scale of the crisis,
12 the federal government should take action to ensure the refugees
13 are able to be resettled in the United States; and

14 Whereas, Michigan must also do its part in addressing this
15 global crisis. Our state must stand ready to do its part in
16 supporting refugees fleeing wars of aggression; now, therefore, be
17 it

18 Resolved by the Senate, That we urge President Joe Biden and
19 the Congress of the United States to facilitate the resettlement of
20 Ukrainian refugees; and be it further

21 Resolved, That we urge Governor Gretchen Whitmer to assist in
22 resettling some Ukrainian refugees in Michigan; and be it further

23 Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the
24 President of the United States, the Speaker of the United States
25 House of Representatives, the President of the United States
26 Senate, the members of the Michigan congressional delegation, and
27 the Governor.