

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2022-4660, by Representatives Chambers, Boehnke, Fitzgibbon, Volz, J. Johnson, Cody, Walsh, Gilday, Klicker, Senn, Slatter, MacEwen, Orwall, Graham, Sells, Shewmake, Young, Chase, Eslick, Macri, Jacobsen, Thai, Wicks, Dufault, Duerr, Walen, Sutherland, Rude, Goehner, Caldier, Santos, Dye, Ybarra, Abbarno, Dent, Schmick, Mosbrucker, Kraft, Orcutt, Callan, Stokesbary, Bateman, Ramel, Ramos, Chandler, Hoff, Goodman, Riccelli, Corry, Barkis, Stonier, Rule, Ortiz-Self, Griffey, Hackney, Paul, Leavitt, McCaslin, Robertson, Klippert, and Springer

1 WHEREAS, Ukraine is a diverse nation, home to Ukrainians, Crimean
2 Tatars, Jews, Poles, and other ethnic groups; and

3 WHEREAS, Washington State is now home to over 70,000 Ukrainian
4 Americans and is one of six states with the highest number of
5 Ukrainian immigrants; and

6 WHEREAS, Many Ukrainians immigrated to Washington State fleeing
7 Soviet persecution for their beliefs, seeking personal and religious
8 freedoms in the United States; and

9 WHEREAS, Ukrainian immigrants in Washington State have formed
10 groups and associations, such as the Pacific Ukrainian Society, the
11 Ukrainian Association of Washington State, Ukrainian SeaTac Youth,
12 Ukrainian Dance Ensemble, Ukrainian Community Center of Washington,
13 and numerous Ukrainian churches, which preserve and celebrate
14 Ukrainian culture, heritage, and religion, and support new
15 immigrants; and

16 WHEREAS, Ukrainian Americans in Washington State have enriched
17 our state through their leadership and contributions in agriculture,
18 business academia, government, and the arts; and

19 WHEREAS, The Ukrainian American community shares its rich
20 history, culture, traditions, and gastronomy with numerous events,
21 such as the Northwest Ukrainian International Festival organized by
22 the Pacific Ukrainian Society, and celebrations of International
23 Dance, the birthday of poet Taras Shevchenko, and Ukrainian

1 Independence Day organized by the Ukrainian Association of
2 Washington;

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State House
4 of Representatives recognize the important role Ukrainian Americans
5 play in the civil, cultural, and economic life of Washington State;
6 and

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
8 immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of
9 Representatives to the Honorary Consult of Ukraine in Seattle and to
10 the Embassy of Ukraine in the United States of America for
11 appropriate distribution.

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