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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 71

Offered March 1, 2022

Encouraging all residents of the Commonwealth of Virginia to boycott all goods and services originating in Russia.

Patrons—Helmer, Convirs-Fowler, Kory, Rasoul, Sickles, Watts and Willett; Senator: Ruff

WHEREAS, on February 24, 2022, Russia launched an invasion of Ukraine, a sovereign nation, without provocation or justification; and

WHEREAS, the President of the United States has condemned this attack, imposed economic sanctions on Russia, and authorized the provision of additional military aid to Ukraine; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of Virginia has directed an immediate review of the Commonwealth's procurement of any and all goods and services involving Russian companies, called for Virginia mayors to terminate sister city partnerships with Russian cities, and urged the Virginia Retirement System and university endowments to divest any Russian holdings immediately; and

WHEREAS, legislative leaders of both major political parties in the Commonwealth have condemned Russia's unprovoked attack on Ukraine and support measures to discourage further aggression; and

WHEREAS, the members of the House of Delegates and individuals throughout the Commonwealth have watched as the Ukrainian people have fought courageously against Russian military might; and

WHEREAS, Virginians from all walks of life throughout the Commonwealth stand in solidarity with the people of Ukraine; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That all residents of the Commonwealth of Virginia be encouraged to boycott all goods and services originating in Russia; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Secretary of Commerce and Trade as an expression of the House of Delegates' hope that the Secretary will make available to the public a full list of goods and services that might be voluntarily boycotted as a show of the Commonwealth's solidarity with the Ukrainian people.

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