

**Suspend the Rules And Agree to the Resolution, H. Res. 149, with
Amendments**

**(The amendments consist of a complete new preamble, a substitute
text, and an amendment to the title)**

118TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. RES. 149

Condemning the illegal abduction of children from Ukraine to the Russian
Federation.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 21, 2023

Ms. WILD (for herself, Mrs. WAGNER, and Ms. SLOTKIN) submitted the
following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

RESOLUTION

Condemning the illegal abduction of children from Ukraine
to the Russian Federation.

Whereas, on January 12, 1951, the Convention on the Pre-
vention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide (com-
monly known as the “Genocide Convention”), of which
the Russian Federation is a party, came into effect;

Whereas, on February 24, 2022, the Russian Federation es-
calated its eight-year-long occupation of sovereign
Ukrainian territory by launching an unprovoked large-
scale invasion of Ukraine;

Whereas, on March 9, 2022, Russian Forces attacked a maternity hospital in Mariupol, Ukraine, resulting in the deaths of 5 individuals and injuries to 17 other individuals;

Whereas, on March 22, 2022, the Ukrainian Foreign Ministry announced that the Russian military had illegally abducted and forcibly transferred 2,389 Ukrainian children from temporarily occupied areas of Ukraine;

Whereas, on June 2, 2022, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy stated that 200,000 children are among the Ukrainians who have been forcibly transferred to Russia;

Whereas forcibly transferring children of one group to another group is a violation of Article II(e) of the Genocide Convention;

Whereas Maria Lvova-Belova, Children's Rights Commissioner for the President of Russia, admitted to abducting and forcibly transferring Ukrainian children and facilitating forced adoptions to Russian families;

Whereas Ukrainian authorities have stated that a number of the abducted and forcibly transferred Ukrainian children have families who remain in Ukraine, but have been separated due to the renewed Russian invasion;

Whereas, on June 16, 2022, Russian authorities announced that children born in occupied Ukrainian territories after the February 24, 2022, invasion will be deemed Russian citizens;

Whereas, on June 22, 2022, the United Nations Human Rights Office of the High Commissioner verified that at least 320 children have been killed since Russia's renewed invasion began;

Whereas, on July 11, 2022, United Nations Secretary General António Guterres ordered an investigation into the deaths and injuries of Ukrainian children; and

Whereas, on July 13, 2022, Secretary of State Antony J. Blinken issued a statement calling upon Russia to “immediately halt its systemic filtration operations in Ukraine”, which have caused the disappearance, detention, or forcible deportation of between 900,000 and 1,600,000 Ukrainians (approximately 260,000 of whom are children): Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) declares that the abduction and forcible
3 transfer of children and facilitation of illegal adop-
4 tions is contrary to Russia’s obligations under the
5 Genocide Convention and amounts to genocide;

6 (2) further declares that the Russian Federa-
7 tion is attempting to wipe out a generation of
8 Ukrainian children, thereby crippling Ukraine’s abil-
9 ity to nurture the next generation of Ukrainian citi-
10 zens and leaders and to rebuild their country after
11 Russia’s unprovoked war, with the purpose of demol-
12 ishing Ukraine’s unique language, culture, history,
13 and identity;

14 (3) notes with concern that the invasion of
15 Ukraine by the Russian Federation has significantly
16 increased the risks of children being exposed to
17 human trafficking and exploitation, child labor, gen-

1 der-based violence, hunger, injury, trauma, depriva-
2 tion of education and shelter, and death; and

3 (4) holds the Government of the Russian Fed-
4 eration, under the leadership of Vladimir Putin, re-
5 sponsible for the wrongful and illegal abduction and
6 forcible transfer of children from Ukraine and offi-
7 cially condemns these actions in the strongest terms.

Amend the title so as to read: “A resolution con-
demning the illegal abduction and forcible transfer of
children from Ukraine to the Russian Federation.”.