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## **Oregon House Passes Resolution Committing to Partnership With Ukraine Amidst International Tensions**

**SALEM, Ore.** – Today, the House passed [SCR23](#), a resolution recognizing the sister state ceremonial relationship between Oregon and Cherkasy Oblast, Ukraine. The resolution states that Oregon “stands in unwavering solidarity with the people of Ukraine” and that the state “[condemns] in the strongest terms Russia’s premeditated and unjust war against [Ukraine].”

Representatives shared the following remarks in support of the resolution:

“Here in Oregon, we’re fortunate to have a vibrant Ukrainian-American community. Though small in number, it serves as a vital bridge, linking our state to Ukraine’s people and culture. By involving this community in festivals, youth programs, and delegations, we deepen that bridge and make it stronger,” said **Rep. Emerson Levy (D - Bend, South Redmond, Tumalo & Sisters)**.

“Oregon must use all our tools to advance our aspirations and ideals. Formal relationships like this demonstrate commitment to our convictions. We can and must do more, but today we can do this,” said **Rep. Paul Evans (D - The Heart of the Willamette Valley)**. “I’m grateful to have the opportunity to support Ukrainian democracy and self-determination today.”

“We must ensure that throughout all our conversations we continue to center the experience of 22,000 Ukrainian Americans and 5,400 refugees since 2021,” said **Rep. Dacia Grayber (D - SW Portland & E Beaverton)**. “Their strength, resilience, the beauty and pain we heard reflected in their song...we see them. They have a home here.”

The resolution passed on a vote of 45-2, with the two no votes coming from Rep. Skarlatos (R-Winston) and Rep. Yunker (R-Grants Pass). It now goes to the Governor’s desk.

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