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A resolution designating November 26, 2022, as "Holodomor Remembrance Day" in the State of Florida.

WHEREAS, the Ukrainian Famine of 1932-1933, known as the "Holodomor," meaning murder by starvation, resulted in the deaths of between seven and ten million Ukrainians, with a third of the victims being children under 10 years of age, and

WHEREAS, Soviet leader Joseph Stalin and his totalitarian regime committed an act of genocide through the implementation of an engineered famine by confiscating land, crops, and livestock from the Ukrainian people, and

WHEREAS, the Holodomor was specifically designed by the Soviet regime to force collectivization and punish independent-minded Ukrainians for their resistance to its economic, political, and social oppression, and

WHEREAS, at the height of the Holodomor in 1933, an estimated 25,000 Ukrainians died each day as the Soviets continued to export Ukraine's crops to the rest of the world, and

WHEREAS, with the dissolution of the Soviet Union, documents created during this time surfaced which detail the Soviet regime's actions and intent to destroy Ukraine's national identity by deporting and executing Ukraine's religious, intellectual, and cultural leaders and prosecuting or executing

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those who spoke publicly of the famine or against the Soviet authorities, further destabilizing Ukraine's political structure, and

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WHEREAS, in April 1988, the U.S. Commission on the Ukraine Famine, chaired by Congressman Daniel A. Mica of Florida, found that the Holodomor constituted an act of genocide, and

WHEREAS, over 42,000 residents of the state have Ukrainian ancestry, and

WHEREAS, the Holodomor is remembered by the global community as a tragic and heinous crime, NOW, THEREFORE,

Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Florida:

That November 26, 2022, is designated as "Holodomor Remembrance Day" in the State of Florida.

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