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## A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the Governor and the Department of Community and Economic  
2 Development to establish relations with the nation of Ukraine  
3 in the areas of arts and culture, economic development and  
4 travel and tourism.

5 WHEREAS, Ukraine is located in Eastern Europe and borders the  
6 Black Sea between Poland, Romania and Moldova in the west and  
7 Russia in the east; and

8 WHEREAS, Ukraine is strategically positioned at the  
9 crossroads between Europe and Asia and is the second-largest  
10 country in Europe; and

11 WHEREAS, Ukraine is a republic that gained independence from  
12 the Soviet Union in 1991; and

13 WHEREAS, The events of the "Orange Revolution" under the  
14 leadership of Ukraine's current president, Viktor Yushchenko,  
15 have dismantled the concept of oligarchic rule and replaced it  
16 with an irrevocable commitment to democracy, rule of law, free  
17 enterprise and equality of opportunity; and

18 WHEREAS, Ukraine has a population of approximately 47.4

1 million people, a land area of 603,700 square kilometers and had  
2 a gross domestic product of \$65 billion in 2004; and

3 WHEREAS, According to the 2000 census, approximately 900,000  
4 Americans of Ukrainian heritage live in the United States; and

5 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania ranks second in the nation with 122,150  
6 individuals of Ukrainian ancestry, although statistics kept by  
7 Ukrainian churches in Pennsylvania suggest that there are tens  
8 of thousands more Pennsylvanians of Ukrainian heritage; and

9 WHEREAS, Americans of Ukrainian descent have contributed  
10 significantly to the spiritual, cultural and material well-being  
11 of the United States and Pennsylvania; and

12 WHEREAS, Some of the first immigrants from Ukraine to the  
13 United States settled in the anthracite coal mining towns of  
14 Pennsylvania; and

15 WHEREAS, Shenandoah Borough, Schuylkill County, is the  
16 location of the first Ukrainian Catholic Church in the United  
17 States and the Archdiocese of the Ukrainian Catholic Church in  
18 America is located in Philadelphia; and

19 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania is home to the Ukrainian Heritage  
20 Studies Center at Manor Junior College in Jenkintown Borough,  
21 Montgomery County, which provides opportunities to learn about  
22 Ukrainian culture and folk art; and

23 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania is also home to the Ukrainian  
24 Educational and Cultural Center, a nonprofit organization  
25 located in Jenkintown, which preserves and promotes awareness of  
26 Ukrainian heritage throughout the community; and

27 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania is also home to the Ukrainian American  
28 Sport Center Tryzub in Horsham Township, Montgomery County,  
29 which maintains a first-class sports program for Pennsylvania  
30 residents and also preserves, fosters and promotes Ukrainian

1 cultural and artistic pursuits; and

2 WHEREAS, Ukraine is rich in fertile soil, and agriculture  
3 represents an important component of the country's economy,  
4 similar to Pennsylvania; and

5 WHEREAS, Like Pennsylvania, Ukraine is rich in deposits of  
6 anthracite coal, oil and natural gas and has a repository of  
7 many minerals necessary for manufacturing and defense  
8 industries, including, but not limited to, cobalt, nickel,  
9 copper and manganese; and

10 WHEREAS, Ukraine is fertile ground for investment by  
11 Pennsylvania businesses that will find existing industrial,  
12 textile and other commercial complexes and a hard-working,  
13 educated and skilled work force there; and

14 WHEREAS, In 2004 Pennsylvania exported more than \$10 million  
15 in goods, including machinery and transportation equipment, to  
16 Ukraine; and

17 WHEREAS, A relationship between Pennsylvania and Ukraine can  
18 develop and prosper by sponsoring trade missions, creating  
19 student and faculty exchange programs, implementing technology  
20 exchanges and creating a framework for cultural exchange and  
21 joint tourism; therefore be it

22 RESOLVED, That the Senate urge the Governor and the  
23 Department of Community and Economic Development to establish  
24 relations with the nation of Ukraine in the areas of arts and  
25 culture, economic development and travel and tourism; and be it  
26 further

27 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to  
28 the Governor and the Secretary of Community and Economic  
29 Development.