

PARLIAMENT OF VICTORIA

Wednesday, 27 February 2008

Mr GUY (Northern Metropolitan):

That this house —

(1) notes that 2007 marked the 75th anniversary of the Great Ukrainian Famine-Holodomor of 1932–33 caused by the deliberate actions of the Stalin communist regime of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics;

(2) recalls that an estimated 7 million Ukrainians starved to death as a result of the Stalin regime's policies in 1932–33 alone, and that millions more lost their lives in the purge which ensued for the remainder of the decade;

(3) notes that this constituted one of the most heinous acts of genocide in history, that the Ukraine famine was one of the greatest losses of human life in one country in the 20th century, and it remains insufficiently known and acknowledged by the world community and the United Nations as an act of genocide against the Ukrainian nation and people, but has been recognised by the Verkhovna Rada (Parliament of Ukraine);

(4) honours the memory of those who lost their lives;

(5) joins the Ukrainian people throughout the world, and particularly Victorian Ukrainians, in commemorating these tragic events; and

(6) urges the Victorian government to support a resolution to the General Assembly of the United Nations that the Holodomor in Ukraine in 1932–33 be recognised as an act of genocide against the Ukrainian nation and people.