

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL NSW

Thursday 17 October 2013

HOLODOMOR EIGHTIETH ANNIVERSARY

Motion by the Hon. MARIE FICARRA agreed to:

That this House:

(a) notes that 2013 is the eightieth anniversary of the Holodomor, an enforced famine in Ukraine caused by the deliberate actions of Stalin's Communist Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republic [USSR];

(b) recalls that it is estimated up to seven million Ukrainians starved to death as a result of Stalin's policies in 1932 to 1933 alone;

(c) condemns this act of genocide aimed at destroying the national, cultural, religious and democratic aspirations of the Ukrainian people;

(d) condemns all other acts of genocide during the twentieth century as the ultimate manifestation of racial, ethnic or religious hatred and violence;

(e) honours the memory of those who lost their lives during the Holodomor;

(f) resolves to annually mark the Holodomor on or about the international Holodomor Remembrance Day, being 24 November;

(g) joins the Ukrainian Australian community and the international community, including 16 sovereign governments who have formally recognised the Holodomor genocide, in commemorating this tragic milestone; and

(h) recognises the importance of remembering and learning from such dark chapters in human history to ensure that such crimes against humanity are not allowed to be repeated.