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Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION
AND ELECTIONS

Introduced by:
(GAE)

**RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING PRESIDENT PUTIN TO ALLOW
AMERICAN ADOPTIONS OF RUSSIAN CHILDREN IN PROCESS TO
PROCEED.**

Resolved by the Senate:

1 WHEREAS, the United Nations Children's Fund estimates that there
2 are 740,000 children in Russia living without parental care;

3 WHEREAS, the Ministry of Science and Education of Russia
4 estimates that 110,000 children live in state institutions in Russia;

5 WHEREAS, the number of adoptions by Russian families is modest,
6 with only 7,400 domestic adoptions in 2011 compared with 3,400
7 adoptions of Russian children by families from other countries;

8 WHEREAS, on December 28, 2012, Russian Federation President
9 Vladimir Putin signed into law legislation entitled "On Measures
10 Concerning the Implementation of Government Policy on Orphaned
11 Children and those without Parental Care", which includes language
12 that permanently bans adoptions of Russian children by United States
13 citizens;

14 WHEREAS, forty-six, and possibly more, inter-country adoptions of
15 Russian children by United States families have already received a
16 final adoption decree from the Russian judicial system, and hundreds
17 of other United States families are in the process of adopting Russian
18 children;

19 WHEREAS, the United Nations, the Hague Conference on Private
20 International Law, and other international organizations have
21 recognized a child's right to a family as a basic human right worthy of
22 protection;

23 WHEREAS, adoption, both domestic and international, is an
24 important child protection tool and an integral part of child welfare
25 best practices around the world, along with prevention of
26 abandonment and family reunification; and

27 WHEREAS, more than 60,000 Russia-born children have found safe,
28 permanent, and loving homes with American families over the last
29 two decades.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Connecticut Senate
31 respectfully memorializes Russian Federation President Vladimir
32 Putin to reconsider the law banning adoptions of Russian children by
33 United States citizens on humanitarian grounds, in consideration of
34 the well-being of parentless Russian children awaiting a loving and
35 permanent family, and to permit the processing of inter-country
36 adoptions of Russian children by American families that were initiated
37 before the enactment of the law.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the clerk of the Senate cause a
39 copy of this resolution be transmitted to Russian Federation President
40 Vladimir Putin.

GAE *Senate Favorable*