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## SS-S23-3, Sense of the Senate Resolution, Acknowledging and Supporting Dr. Ulia Gosart's Initiative to Save Ukrainian Libraries from Destruction

## Legislative History:

On April 17, 2023, the Academic Senate approved the following Sense of the Senate Resolution presented by Senator Sasikumar.

**Whereas:** in the course of Russia's assault on Ukraine, Russian forces have targeted Ukrainian libraries for destruction; and

**Whereas:** the preservation of libraries is essential to the preservation of national history and culture; and

**Whereas:** the destruction of cultural property during conflict has been recognized as a crime, by international bodies such as the International Criminal Court and the United Nations Security Council, and

**Whereas:** Dr. Ulia Gosart, Assistant Professor in the School of Information at San José State University, has mounted a courageous effort to raise funds to digitize the holdings of the library in her hometown of Cherkasy, as well as other Ukrainian libraries; therefore be it

**Resolved:** that San José State University acknowledge, applaud, and support Dr. Gosart's work in preserving Ukraine's libraries and by extension its history, heritage, and culture.