

## H.R. 7075, the Ukrainian Independence Park Act

Bipartisan legislation introduced by Rep. Victoria Spartz (R-IN) and co-led by Ranking Member Bruce Westerman (R-AR), Chair Raul Grijalva (D-AZ), and the Co-Chairs of the bipartisan Congressional Ukraine Caucus including Reps. Marcy Kaptur (D-OH), Mike Quigley (D-IL), Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA), and Andy Harris (R-MD).



Left: A statue of famous Ukrainian poet Taras Shevchenko located in what is currently known as NPS Reservations 360 and 57D. Source: LOC. Right: A similar statue located in Taras Shevchenko Park in the heart of Kyiv, Ukraine. Source: Life Philosophized Travel Blog.

- Designates a small, unnamed property owned by the National Park Service between P and 22<sup>nd</sup> Streets NW in Washington, D.C. as "Ukrainian Independence Park".
- Authorizes the National Park Service to post signage in the park about the importance of Ukraine's independence, freedom, and sovereignty, and the solidarity between the people of Ukraine and the United States.
- Endorsed by multiple Ukrainian organizations including the U.S.-Ukraine Foundation, U.S.-Ukraine Business Council, and the Ukrainian National Women's League of America.

On February 24, 2022, Russia launched an aggressive and wide-ranging attack on Ukraine. Since then, the civilized world has come together to stand with Ukraine against Russia's unprovoked, violent, and senseless invasion. As a symbolic gesture to demonstrate the United States' unwavering support for Ukraine and its people, H.R. 7075 would bestow the name "Ukrainian Independence Park Act" to a prominent location in Washington, D.C. with special significance to Ukrainian-Americans. This small site currently contains a statue of a notable Ukrainian poet and fighter for Ukrainian independence and has served as a rallying point for the Ukrainian-American community throughout the years. Despite this location's importance, it is officially known as NPS Reservations 360 and 57D. Formally providing the park with a proper name will further symbolize the United States' admiration and support for Ukraine.