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OPERATIONS, JANUARY 27, 2025

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the President and the Congress of the United States to
2 reexamine United States foreign policy toward Ethiopia.

3 WHEREAS, The people of Ethiopia have developed and nourished
4 a proud and distinguished culture that has endured for three
5 millennia; and

6 WHEREAS, Ethiopia has had a long and productive friendship
7 with the United States; and

8 WHEREAS, Ethiopia is of great strategic and economic
9 importance to the United States and to the world; and

10 WHEREAS, The seeds of democratic change in Ethiopia should be
11 allowed to blossom and not be snuffed out; and

12 WHEREAS, Ethiopia is poised at a crucial juncture in its
13 history; and

14 WHEREAS, Ethiopia is making a regression toward nondemocratic
15 brutal rule under the leadership of Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, The ascendance of policy of promoting ethnic

1 federalism has placed the civilian population of Ethiopia,
2 particularly women and children, in great danger; and

3 WHEREAS, Governmental practices have caused great division
4 and have led to the death of hundreds and the arbitrary arrest
5 of thousands more, including religious leaders and journalists;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, The people of Ethiopia are aspiring to resolve their
8 complicated problems through the formation and utilization of
9 democratic institutions and maximum citizen input; and

10 WHEREAS, The basic underpinning of democratic institutions in
11 the new Ethiopia should be the supremacy of the will of the
12 people and the guarantee of the rule of the people; and

13 WHEREAS, The Ethiopian government should adhere to the United
14 Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which encourages
15 freedom of speech, assembly, religion and press, guarantees all
16 basic rights and discourages ethnocentric policies and ethnic
17 reservations; and

18 WHEREAS, It is crucial that the diverse voices, opinions and
19 philosophies of the people be expressed in promoting political,
20 economic and social progress and justices in Ethiopia; and

21 WHEREAS, A multiparty government may be the most egalitarian,
22 feasible and productive political arrangement in providing
23 suffrage and in overcoming monumental obstacles; and

24 WHEREAS, The President and the Congress of the United States
25 will play a crucial role in promoting the peaceful resolution of
26 the immense problems of Ethiopia; and

27 WHEREAS, The implementation of a democratic, multiparty
28 government in Ethiopia should be a long-term foreign policy goal
29 of the Federal Government; therefore be it

30 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the

1 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania urge the President and the Congress
2 of the United States to reexamine United States foreign policy
3 toward Ethiopia; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the
5 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania continue to encourage the formation
6 of democratic institutions, multiparty participation,
7 progressive social change and respect for fundamental human
8 rights in Ethiopia, including freedom of religion, association
9 and expression; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the
11 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania encourage the President and the
12 Congress of the United States to use every possible means at
13 their command to examine, recognize and evaluate the political
14 conditions that exist in Ethiopia and reexamine its foreign
15 policy to ensure the end of the shocking brutality of ethnic
16 warfare in Ethiopia; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the
18 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania encourage the President and the
19 Congress of the United States to use every possible means at
20 their command to examine, recognize and evaluate the religious
21 interference, civilian attacks with drones and heavy weaponry,
22 ethnically based arbitrary arrests and associated human rights
23 violations and the conditions that exist in Ethiopia and
24 reexamine its foreign policy to preserve human dignity,
25 religious freedom and end the persecution of ethnic minorities;
26 and be it further

27 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to
28 the President of the United States, the Vice President of the
29 United States, the Secretary of State of the United States, the
30 presiding officers of each house of Congress, each member of

1 Congress from Pennsylvania and the Ethiopian Ambassador to the
2 United States.