

House Resolution No. 888

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives occasionally pause in their diverse legislative endeavors in order to convey a hearty, Show-Me State welcome to visitors who have proven down through the years to be exemplary citizens in their homelands; and

Whereas, the Honorable Girma Wolde Giorgis has attained considerable distinction as the President of Ethiopia, a constitutional democracy located in the northeast corner of the continent of Africa and bordered by the countries of Somalia, Kenya, the Sudan, Eritrea, and Djibouti; and

Whereas, President Girma Wolde Giorgis is visiting the state of Missouri in order to convey his appreciation and gratitude to the members of Hope Community Church in Springfield in light of their formation of the Bright Hope Organization that provides assistance to orphans, foster children and families, a trade school and general education schools, an AIDS hospice, an accredited four-year Bible college and Master's degree program, eleven mobile Bible colleges to train rural pastors, a network of six hundred churches, and other relief projects on behalf of the people of Ethiopia; and

Whereas, during his stay in the United States, President Girma Wolde Giorgis will address the United Nations and will visit Grace Christian Center, which is a sister church in Killeen, Texas, that partners with Hope Community Church and the Bright Hope Organization; and

Whereas, President Girma Wolde Giorgis was born in 1917 in Addis Ababa and subsequently prepared for his endeavors in life by attending church school, Teferi Mekannen School, and the Scuola Principe Piemonte before continuing his education to earn certificates in management, air traffic management, and air traffic control under a training program sponsored by the International Civil Aviation Organization in the countries of Holland, Sweden, and Canada; and

Whereas, a veteran of the Ethiopian military, President Girma Wolde Giorgis held a series of increasingly responsible positions within governmental bureaucracy and as a member of Parliament; and

Whereas, chief of state since 2001, the Honorable Girma Wolde Giorgis has faithfully served the people and institutions of Ethiopia despite difficult times brought about by foreign occupation during World War II, rule by military junta, wide-scale drought, and border disagreements:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the personal and professional accomplishments garnered thus far in the life and work of President Girma Wolde Giorgis and to convey to him this legislative body's most heartfelt welcome to the state of Missouri; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for presentation to the Honorable Girma Wolde Giorgis, President of Ethiopia.

Offered by _____
Representative Bob Dixon
District No. 140

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 888, adopted March 1, 2007.

Rod Jetton, Speaker