

House Resolution No.

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives feel it is altogether fitting and proper to pause from time to time to recognize individuals and organizations that have contributed to the welfare of this great state and its citizens; and

Whereas, the members now pause to recognize the Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahido Church, in University City, Missouri, a near suburb of St. Louis, which is recognizing September 15, 2007, as Ethiopian Millennium Day in Missouri; and

Whereas, Ethiopians celebrate Ethiopian Millennium in the spirit of tolerance and love all over world the throughout the United States in the month of September; and

Whereas, Ethiopia is the cradle of ancient civilizations where Christianity, Judaism, and Islam intersect as Abrahamic religions; and

Whereas, the Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahido Church has played a significant role in developing Geez, an ancient liturgical language with a unique alphabet and numerical system, so that Ethiopia can continue to contribute to world culture and literature; and

Whereas, Ethio-Americans will celebrate their Millennium in St. Louis on September 15 with historical presentation, promoting peace and prosperity in Ethiopia, the United States, and the whole world; and

Whereas, Ethiopia is the center of black civilization which dates back five thousand years and is the home of Lucy, our human ancestor dating back four million years; and

Whereas, Ethio-Americans in St. Louis contribute to their community as doctors, nurses, business owners, community leaders, and as workers in the hospitality industry, enriching the diversity of the St. Louis population:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join to extend our sincerest best wishes to the Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahido Church of University City on the occasion of its recognizing September 15 as Ethiopian Millennium Day in 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 the Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahido Church.

Offered by _____
Representative Maria N. Chappelle-Nadal
District No. 72

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. ____, adopted _____, 2007.

Rod Jetton, Speaker