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Condemning the Government of Ethiopia for actions that threaten regional stability, violate fundamental human rights, and undermine the strategic interests of the United States in the Horn of Africa.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. CARTER of Georgia submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on _____

RESOLUTION

Condemning the Government of Ethiopia for actions that threaten regional stability, violate fundamental human rights, and undermine the strategic interests of the United States in the Horn of Africa.

Whereas the United States has a strategic interest in promoting peace, security, and good governance in the Horn of Africa;

Whereas the Government of Ethiopia has waged war in the Amhara region, while violence continues to grip Oromia, Afar, Tigray, Ogaden, and other areas, resulting in the loss of life, widespread destruction of property, destabilization of the region, exacerbation of ethnic and reli-

gious tensions, and the escalation of conflict-driven famine and mass displacement;

Whereas reports from credible international and humanitarian organizations indicate that parties aligned with the Ethiopian Government have perpetrated gross violations of internationally recognized human rights, including acts of war crimes, crimes against humanity, and genocide;

Whereas the Ethiopian Orthodox Church and other religious institutions have been targeted by violence, intimidation, and persecution, undermining religious freedom and the stability of Ethiopian civil society;

Whereas prolonged instability in Ethiopia has created a power vacuum that may be exploited by terrorist networks, authoritarian regimes, and other foreign adversaries hostile to United States interests; and

Whereas United States taxpayer dollars should not support regimes or entities engaged in systemic human rights abuses or religious persecution: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) condemns the Government of Ethiopia for
3 perpetuating conditions that undermine peace, sta-
4 bility, and the rule of law in the Horn of Africa;

5 (2) expresses grave concern over the docu-
6 mented atrocities and urges accountability for those
7 responsible for gross violations of internationally rec-
8 ognized human rights, including war crimes, crimes
9 against humanity, and acts of genocide;

1 (3) opposes the use of United States taxpayer
2 funds to support any government or entity engaged
3 in such abuses;

4 (4) calls upon the Secretary of State and rel-
5 evant agencies to use all available diplomatic and
6 economic tools, including sanctions and restrictions
7 on foreign assistance, to hold accountable those re-
8 sponsible for atrocities and to incentivize democratic
9 reforms and inclusive governance in Ethiopia;

10 (5) supports international and independent in-
11 vestigations into alleged atrocities and urges co-
12 operation by the Government of Ethiopia with such
13 efforts;

14 (6) affirms the commitment of the United
15 States to promoting religious freedom and defending
16 vulnerable religious communities, including the Ethi-
17 opian Orthodox Church;

18 (7) reaffirms that United States foreign policy
19 must be grounded in the defense of American inter-
20 ests, the promotion of human rights, and the preser-
21 vation of stability in strategically vital regions; and

22 (8) urges the Trump administration to, without
23 delay—

1 (A) initiate Global Magnitsky sanctions
2 against Ethiopian Government officials credibly
3 implicated in gross human rights violations;

4 (B) suspend nonhumanitarian aid and se-
5 curity assistance to Ethiopia until verifiable
6 progress is made toward ending hostilities, pro-
7 tecting religious institutions, and upholding
8 international law;

9 (C) direct the Secretary of State to
10 prioritize support for civil society, human rights
11 defenders, and religious communities at risk in
12 Ethiopia;

13 (D) submit to Congress a public deter-
14 mination, pursuant to section 5(a) of the Elie
15 Wiesel Genocide and Atrocities Prevention Act
16 of 2018 (Public Law 115–441), on whether acts
17 of genocide or crimes against humanity have oc-
18 curred in Ethiopia; and

19 (E) encourage coordination with inter-
20 national partners to pursue justice, account-
21 ability, and reconciliation through international
22 mechanisms, including the United Nations and
23 African Union.