

CALL FOR PEACEFUL RALLY

**CAPITOL HILL WEST FRONT- U.S. CONGRESS
SEPTEMBER 28, 2006 9:00 a.m.**

H.R. 5680, ALSO KNOWN AS “THE ETHIOPIA FREEDOM, DEMOCRACY, AND HUMAN RIGHTS ACT OF 2006”, IS CURRENTLY AWAITING ACTION IN THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS.

IN SUMMARY, H.R. 5680 HELPS:

1. ETHIOPIA BUILD STRONG DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS, PROCESSES AND PRACTICES;
2. ETHIOPIANS ENJOY HUMAN RIGHTS AND CIVIL LIBERTIES;
3. ETHIOPIA BECOME A JUST SOCIETY BY REQUIRING THE RELEASE OF POLITICAL PRISONERS WHO ARE JAILED UNLAWFULLY;
4. ETHIOPIA PROFESSIONALIZE AND MODERNIZE ITS JUDICIAL SYSTEM AND PROMOTE THE RULE OF LAW;
5. ETHIOPIA STRENGTHEN ITS TIES TO THE UNITED STATES AND FORGE AN EFFECTIVE ANTI-TERRORISM PARTENERSHIP IN AFRICA; AND
6. ETHIOPIA BY PROVIDING \$20 MILLION OVER TWO YEARS TO COVER COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH IMPLEMENTATION OF THE BILL.

ALL ETHIOPIANS, ETHIOPIAN-AMERICANS, AND FRIENDS OF ETHIOPIA ARE INVITED TO FULFILL THEIR CIVIC DUTY OF SUPPORTING H.R. 5680 BY ATTENDING THIS PEACEFUL RALLY:

ETHIOPIAN-AMERICANS FOR H.R. 5680

(THE RALLY IS SUPPORTED BY DIVERSE CONCERNED INDIVIDUALS AND GROUPS, AND IS INDEPENDENT OF ANY AND ALL POLITICAL ORGANIZATIONS.)