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MEMBER'S RESOLUTION

By the Honorable Michael Allen, 7th Assembly District;
Relative to the

ERITREAN COMMUNITY OF CALIFORNIA

WHEREAS, The history of the United States is rich with inspirational stories of great men and noble women whose actions, words, and achievements have united Americans and contributed to the success and prosperity of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Among those who have enriched our society are the members of the Eritrean community in California--individuals who have been steadfast in their commitment to promote brotherhood, equality, and justice for all; and

WHEREAS, As refugees of the State of Eritrea, a country in the Horn of Africa, the Eritrean population in California has transcended barriers of language, tradition, and geography to build a better future for this generation and for generations to come based on a love of freedom, liberty, and individual rights; and

WHEREAS, Devastated by decades of war, between one

fourth and one third of Eritrea's population were displaced, many of whom found a home in California; and

WHEREAS, Those individuals of Eritrean ancestry living in California have diligently demonstrated their commitment to local communities and developed the important skills that have enabled them to succeed in our complex society and develop and sustain community spirit, and Eritrean community groups throughout the State have sought to build collaborative relationships with the community to bring about cultural awareness and appreciation; and

WHEREAS, The year 2011 marks the twentieth anniversary of the independence of the State of Eritrea, and as its people persevere through the daunting challenge of advancement toward self government, it is appropriate for the people of California to recommit themselves to the concepts of liberty, freedom, and opportunity for all, taking risks for peace, and keeping faith with those who struggle for human rights, the rule of law, and a better life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY ASSEMBLY MEMBER MICHAEL ALLEN, That he recognizes the significant contributions of those individuals of Eritrean ancestry living in California, who represent the best of the American spirit and hope for the future.

Dated this ____ day of ____, ____.

Honorable Michael Allen
7th Assembly District