

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. Tsongas (for himself, Mr. Percy, Mr. Pell, Mr. Metzenbaum, Mr. Cranston, Mr. Dodd, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Moynihan, Mr. Sarbanes)

submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the grave concern of the Congress regarding the plight of Ethiopian Jews.

(Insert title of concurrent resolution here)

*Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring),*

Whereas the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights guarantees to all persons the right to freedom of religion, the right to hold opinions without interference, the right to freedom from expulsion, and the right to emigrate;

Whereas Ethiopian Jews are among the oldest continuous Jewish communities in existence, their history extending back for three thousand years;

Whereas this community once numbered several hundred thousand persons, but the scourge of wars, pestilence, persecution, and famine over the years has reduced it to some twenty-five thousand people, several thousand of whom have sought refuge in nearby countries;

Whereas the American people are becoming increasingly aware of the difficulties facing Ethiopian Jews and are seeking ways to assist them; and

Whereas the plight of Ethiopian Jews demands that the American people and all people of good will do everything possible to alleviate their suffering: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the United States Senate (the House of Representatives concurring)

That it is the sense of the Congress that the President should —

- (1) express to relevant foreign governments the United States concern for the welfare of Ethiopian Jews, in particular their right to emigrate,
- (2) seek ways to assist Ethiopian Jews through every available means that they may be able to emigrate freely, and
- (3) express the concern of the American people for the welfare of the Ethiopian Jewish community in every appropriate forum.