

## CELEBRATION OF 23rd ERITREAN INDEPENDENCE IN ATLANTA

Eritreans living in and around Atlanta celebrated their homeland's 23<sup>rd</sup> independence day on May 24<sup>th</sup> with high patriotic zeal. The event was held at Global Mall with a theme “ንራ-ህዋ ጽብሕ ሎሚ ንስራሕ” , roughly translated as ““We Toil Today for a Better Future”.



By

approximately 9 pm Eastern Time the Hall was fully packed with people of all ages and gender whose celebratory mood was vividly expressed in each face.



Shortly

after a brief message of congratulation by the Chairman of the Organizing Committee and Eritrean National Anthem the nationals



took it to the

dancing floor to express their inner feeling of what May 24<sup>th</sup> means to them. As pictures speak louder than

words a pictorial glimpse of the event would be paramount. To help amplify the celebration and add



color to this glorious day, we had the honor to have amongst us the renowned musician Aklilu Tefeno,

accompanied by the great Guitarist Kiflay and Keyboard player Awet who mesmerized the audience to their delight with various patriotic songs until the wee hours. The cultural show performed by the children, depicting Eritrea's nine nationalities had kept the audience rejuvenated and, simply put, was quite



superb. At

this time it's important to point out the enormous role Eritrean mothers played in making the event successful by preparing food and serving the guests voluntarily and without showing any sign of fatigue. The Committee would also like to thank all patriots who took the time out of their busy schedule and worked hard in various assignments to see the program went smooth, from start to finish. Thus, the Organizing Committee would like to express their heartfelt appreciation for their valuable contribution without whom a huge event such as this would be impossible.

Awet Nehafash!!

Zel'alemawi zkrn kbrn nsema'etatna!!

Nasnetna kebira tnber

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