

California State Assembly Adapted a Resolution to: Recognize Eritrean Independence Day!

Dear Eritrean compatriots and friends of Eritrea,



The Oakland Event Preparatory Committee is pleased to inform you that our 20th Independence Day celebration in Oakland, California was a big success.

The Richmond Memorial Auditorium, a world class convention center, where we host our annual Eritrean Western Region Festival, was full to capacity.

The auditorium which was rented to celebrate the most solemn Eritrean Holiday, a holiday that was realized at heavy human and material cost was appropriately adorned with our colorful flags and decorated with sophisticated graphic banners.

The Oakland Event Preparatory Committee, which was tasked with planning, coordinating the event is satisfied fully to witness the highly festive and jovial mood of the participants. It is also gratifying to see our people expressing open admiration to the progress our nation is registering and expressed unflinching solidarity with our people back home.

But perhaps the big political success of the evening was when Oakland Mayor Jean Quan and William Jones Jr. representing the Honorable Assembly member Sandre Swanson, showed up to join our celebration to the delight of the dancing crowd!

William Jones Jr. came from Sacramento, the State capital, with a huge “Resolution Certificate” adopted by the California State Assembly!

The certificate attests Eritrean Independence Day Recognition, signed by the Honorable assembly member Sandre Swanson with an impressed Seal of the Bear State.

Both guests delivered solidarity messages to the Eritrean participants, for the positive impact that they are contributing to the hosting nation.

To express our appreciation of our guests, we urge all Eritreans to email a gratitude letter to Assembly member Swanson for successfully promoting this “Recognition Resolution” in honor of Eritrea and the Eritrean people. It will open us an opportunity to build further a lasting and firm cooperation path for a mutual benefit of our two communities.

Eritreans in the San Francisco Bay Area are especially encouraged to send a similar note to Mayor Jean Quan of Oakland.