



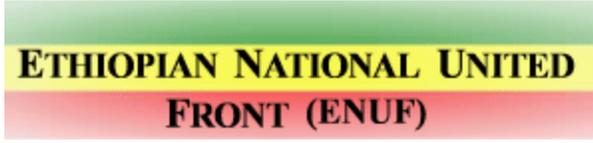
PRESS RELEASE IN REMEMBRANCE OF TED KENNEDY
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Senator Teddy Moore Kennedy passed away on Tuesday August 25 2009 at age 77. A memorial tribute and celebration of his life took place today in his ancestral home of Hyannis Port in Massachusetts. Ted Kennedy fondly referred by his US Congress colleagues as the "liberal lion of the Senate" and by his Son Patrick as "a special voice" for the powerless, was buried at Arlington National Cemetery today, where his older brothers President John F. Kennedy and Senator Robert Kennedy rest in peace. Memorial services and Processional Hymn were held at the Basilica of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Roxbury Massachusetts, where three former presidents of United States, dozens of family members, and many dignitaries showed their respects. President Barack Obama delivered a eulogy at Kennedy's funeral service.

Ted Kennedy was an extraordinary icon of the American political scene. He stood tall, fast and study shrouded in fiery oratory and graceful diplomacy that confounded his political enemies and critics. His motto was lifting up those who had stumbled on life's journey. He was a liberal political master who utilized common sense and strategic compromise on issues that he championed. However, for the most part of his 47 years of political life, Ted Kennedy never flinched when it came to his core family values and political convictions.

Like Ted Kennedy, Kitaw Ijigu, the founder and former leader of our organization, the **Ethiopian National United Front (ENUF)** chose to forgo his renowned and exalted life as a NASA rocket scientist and launched ENUF to achieve a lofty goal of uplifting the human spirit through his Christian faith, political struggle and diplomacy. His dedication to the causes of freedom, justice equality and prosperity of the Ethiopian people through an unflinching campaign for human and civil rights, dignity and economic and technological development of his beloved nation endeared him to many people in Ethiopia and others around the world. He also died after a long fight against physical ailments and subsequent brain hemorrhage that ended his exemplary life punctuated by his challenges to the bloodthirsty tyrants in Addis Abeba and Asmara and elsewhere.

Ted Kennedy confronted America's vices of the legacy of slavery, gender and social class discrimination and economic exploitation. He tirelessly wrote and helped enact US legislation to provide health, education, justice and equality for all. He confronted his political rivals on public stage but negotiated in private to attain what he believed were essential hallmarks of American democracy- the individual's right to pursue a life of freedom, security and personal and collective prosperity.



In a glaring contrast to African and other tyrants and demagogues who seize power through the power of the bullet and preach "peoples' democracy" and practice state terrorism, Ted Kennedy, like his two older brothers who died in the hands of political assassins, hailed from a wealthy and politically liberal family and dedicated his entire life to upholding human dignity and individual liberty. Senator Kennedy dedicated his life to serving the causes of the underprivileged; while brutal dictators the likes of **Meles Zenawi and Isaias Afewerki**; emerged from poor families, parroted "Maoist democracy" until they captured the helm of political and military power, but soon after excelled in taking away Ethiopian citizen's rights to own private property, exercise their freedom of speech and assembly and resorted to stealing staged elections; and in the process destroyed hundreds of thousands innocent lives, all in a vain attempt to exploit the vulnerabilities of the downtrodden and amass personal wealth.

Like Hitler, Mussolini and Stalin, Zenawi and company initially mimicked popular anger directed at social injustices perpetuated by previous regimes; only to turn around and commit unimaginable atrocities. In the final chapters of their barbaric lives, most dictators were either hung upside down and died in the hands of their own country's citizens or committed suicide. The same fate awaits Meles Zenawi. There is no doubt that the Tigrean people, who were the initial victims of the Tigrean People's Liberation Front (TPLF), will eventually initiate the first patriotic act to free themselves from the barbaric brutality of the gangsters of Adwa.

A beloved legislator and family man, Senator Ted Kennedy however, lived life to its fullest until he passed away. He was a man of principles, personal integrity, and trusted friend for millions and an "irreplaceable center" of the Kennedy clan as family members described him. He helped draft and enact US legislation to promote equality and justice; he opposed wars of aggression and expansion; he confronted and stared down neo-fascists around the globe; he led the fight against global pollution and environmental destruction and died while promoting the passage of a bill to provides equal and universal health services for the American people. As in life, this iconic figure will remain etched in our memories as a true champion of liberty and freedom in his death.

ENUF executives and the entire membership would like to express their condolences to Ted Kennedy's family, friends, colleagues and the American government and people. He will be missed.

May God bless his soul and let him rest in peace.

Long live Ethiopia.

The Ethiopian people shall overcome TPLF/EPLF tyranny!

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