WHEREAS, The government of Ethiopia has systematically marginalized and persecuted the ethnic Oromo peoples within their country; and

WHEREAS, The Ethiopian government has used unjustified lethal force on hundreds of peaceful Oromo protesters; and

WHEREAS, Ethnic conflicts in Ethiopia exacerbate regional instability in Northeast Africa; and

WHEREAS, The United States’ continued support for a country that persecutes and massacres its own citizens undermines the United States’ declared goals of international peace and equality; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Congress here assembled move to place economic sanctions on Ethiopia until such time as the Ethiopian government can be found to have taken significant steps to address the injustices perpetrated against the Oromo within Ethiopia.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Asheville High School.