

US group honors Eritrean leader

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President Issaias Afwerki of Eritrea was among several political and community leaders honored "The Greatest Men and Women of the Century" at an End of the Century Ball hosted in New York yesterday by Remember Africa — a US organization working to alleviate poverty through increased education opportunities for African, Afro Caribbean and African American youth.



Among those honored with President Issaias for their contribution towards the economic well-being and education of people on both sides of the Atlantic included UN Secretary General Kofi Annan, Former South African President Nelson Mandela, the Rev. Jesse L. Jackson, and US First Lady Hilary Clinton. The list of honorees represented the "Who's Who" of leaders in government, business, art, media, sports and education.

Remember Africa honored President Issaias for his vision and contributions towards an economically and politically strong Africa and his leadership skills in guiding his nation's economic development with careful attention to self-reliance .

Eritrea's Ambassador to the United Nations, Mr. Haile Menkerios, read a message on behalf of President Issaias thanking Remember Africa for the recognition and commending the group for its work to end hunger, war and poverty in Africa through educating the youth.

"Indeed, it is a noble cause to which we in Eritrea have dedicated and continue to dedicate ourselves," President Afwerki said. He added that Africa's future depends on the combined effort of all concerned. " I am confident that despite the difficulties on the road, this dedicated effort will lead to a better future for our peoples in the next century."



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