

It is my great pleasure and honor to be a part of bringing this exciting exhibit to the Houston Museum of Natural Science.

Lucy, hands down, is the King Tut of the anthropology world and ranks as one of the most significant discoveries to date. The Houston Museum of Natural Science went up against some of the biggest names in the museum community, including the Smithsonian, and came out on top!

During our visit to Ethiopia, we spoke with President Girma Wolde-Giorgis, who expressed his complete enthusiasm at bringing Lucy to the U.S. through Houston.

“We hope exhibiting Ethiopia’s treasures in the United States will help Americans learn more about our country,” he told us. “Ours [Ethiopia] is a beautiful country with many interesting and historic sites.”

This exhibit not only is a tremendous invitation for a wide audience to see Lucy, it also offers an opportunity for people to learn more about Ethiopia, its people, culture and history.

Ethiopia is a stable democracy with a rich history that offers many possibilities for expanded commerce. Lucy’s tour is expected to attract tourists to Houston, which in turn will send a positive message about Ethiopia to the world and help build their burgeoning economy.

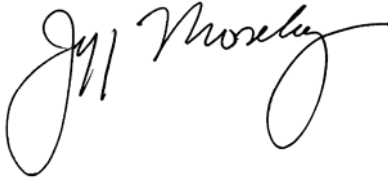
The value of Lucy traveling throughout the U.S., not only raises the awareness of tourism opportunities in Ethiopia, but also works to shatter false impressions and stereotypes about the nation.

And, this exhibit will help elevate Houston’s image throughout the nation showing the country, and our international visitors, that this is a world-class region.

Bringing Lucy here solidifies Houston’s presence on the international map, and it magnifies the friendship and trust that has developed between Houston and Ethiopia.

This is Lucy’s first visit off the continent of Africa for other than scientific purposes, and we are honored to be the first to see this truly amazing display.

Onward,



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