

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

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### A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating Sydney Maree on achieving United States  
2 citizenship and wishing him success in the 1984 Summer  
3 Olympics.

4 WHEREAS, On May 1, 1984, Sydney Maree, a resident of  
5 Rosemont, Pennsylvania, officially became a citizen of the  
6 United States; and

7 WHEREAS, Sydney Maree, a resident of the Commonwealth since  
8 1977, was born in South Africa and was subject to the cruel  
9 apartheid policies of his native country for the first 19 years  
10 of his life; and

11 WHEREAS, His prior citizenship prohibited his participation  
12 in international track competition despite his well-deserved  
13 reputation as a world-class athlete, a reputation earned through  
14 his extraordinary talent, self-discipline and training; and

15 WHEREAS, As a student at Villanova University he established  
16 both individual and team records in distance running events and  
17 contributed to that university's great track and field  
18 tradition; and

1       WHEREAS, He has run the mile in 3 minutes, 48.83 seconds and  
2 set a record in the 1500 meter run of 3 minutes, 31.24 seconds;  
3 and

4       WHEREAS, Having been an "athlete without a country," Sydney  
5 Maree will compete in the 1984 Summer Olympics as a citizen of  
6 the United States and a resident of Pennsylvania; therefore be  
7 it

8       RESOLVED, That the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of  
9 Pennsylvania congratulate Sydney Maree on achieving United  
10 States citizenship as a son of the Commonwealth and extend its  
11 best wishes for his success in the 1984 Summer Olympics.