

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 327

Commending Noah Lyles.

Agreed to by the Senate, February 6, 2025
Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 10, 2025

WHEREAS, Noah Lyles of Alexandria represented the Commonwealth at the Games of the XXXIII Olympiad in Paris, France, winning a gold medal for Team USA in the men's 100-meter sprint and a bronze medal in the men's 200-meter sprint; and

WHEREAS, born in Florida, Noah Lyles relocated to the Commonwealth with his mother and siblings at a young age; he originally trained as a gymnast before switching to track and field, and was inspired to one day join Team USA while watching the 2012 Summer Olympics; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from what is now Alexandria City High School, Noah Lyles signed with Adidas in 2016 and became a professional athlete; he has won numerous world championships in the 100-meter, 200-meter, and 4x100 relay events, as well as a bronze medal in the 200-meter sprint at the 2020 Summer Olympics; and

WHEREAS, at the 2022 World Athletics Championships, Noah Lyles won a gold medal in the 200-meter sprint with a personal best time of 19.31, breaking a longstanding American record and becoming the third-fastest sprinter in the history of the event worldwide; and

WHEREAS, in his second trip to the Olympics, Noah Lyles won the gold medal in the 100-meter sprint with a stunning photo finish, recording a personal best time of 9.79 seconds to win by only .005 seconds; and

WHEREAS, a few days later, despite contracting COVID-19, Noah Lyles demonstrated exceptional perseverance and continued to participate in the 200-meter sprint final; and

WHEREAS, thanks to his unparalleled determination, Noah Lyles finished the 200-meter sprint with a time of 19.70 to earn a bronze medal; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Noah Lyles on winning a gold medal and a bronze medal at the Games of the XXXIII Olympiad; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Noah Lyles as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his exceptional athletic achievements and best wishes for the future.

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