

Senate Resolution 843

By: Senators Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Martin of the 9th, Parent of the 42nd, Dugan of the 30th, Miller of the 49th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Atlanta Track Club and welcoming the United States Olympic Team
2 Trials-Marathon to Atlanta and the State of Georgia; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, on February 29, 2020, nearly 500 women and 300 men will run through the
4 neighborhoods of Atlanta, highlighting Atlanta's Olympic history and legacy while running
5 past Atlanta's most important attractions and neighborhoods; and

6 WHEREAS, the trials will determine the three men and women who will represent the
7 United States of America in the marathon at the 2020 Summer Olympic Games in Tokyo,
8 Japan; and

9 WHEREAS, the trials will be co-hosted between the USA Track and Field, United States
10 Olympic and Paralympic Committee, and the Atlanta Track Club; and

11 WHEREAS, the Atlanta Track Club is a 501(c)(3), not-for-profit organization with a stated
12 mission of creating a healthier, more active Atlanta through running and walking and is
13 known worldwide for hosting the AJC Peachtree Road Race, the largest 10k running event
14 in the world; and

15 WHEREAS, the Atlanta Track Club developed a first-of-its-kind revenue share with the
16 athletes and committed to cover travel expenses for all qualified athletes, regardless of their
17 ranking; and

18 WHEREAS, the strength and dedication of Atlanta's running community were the deciding
19 factors in the Club's decision to bid for the event and were some of the main reasons Atlanta
20 was chosen over the three other bidding cities; and

21 WHEREAS, the trials will be broadcasted across the nation on NBC for viewers to see
22 Atlanta and the first-class running community of Atlanta and the State of Georgia; and

23 WHEREAS, the trials will be a part of America's Marathon, which will also include the
24 Publix Atlanta Marathon, Half Marathon, 5K, and Kids Marathon, as well as the America's
25 Marathon Weekend Experience, which combined will showcase Atlanta's Olympic past,
26 present, and future to over 150,000 expected visitors; and

27 WHEREAS, the Olympic trials will bring in visitors and volunteers from all over Georgia,
28 the nation, and the world to experience the hospitality, diversity, and beauty of the City of
29 Atlanta and the State of Georgia.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
31 commend the Atlanta Track Club and welcome the United States Olympic Team
32 Trials-Marathon to Atlanta and the State of Georgia.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
34 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the Atlanta Track
35 Club and USA Track and Field.