

nomination of Francis Scott Key for the Hall of Fame and urging the General Assembly of Maryland and the Governor and the Legislature of each of the other States to endorse the nomination; now, therefore be it

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That in gratitude and reverence for the poet who penned our National Anthem, this body hereby goes on record endorsing the nomination of Francis Scott Key to the Hall of Fame for Great Americans and urging the Electors of the Hall of Fame to vote for his election in 1965; and be it further*

*Resolved, That the Secretary of State of Maryland be and he is hereby authorized and directed to send a copy of this resolution under the Great Seal of the State of Maryland, to the Governor of each of the other states.*

Approved March 11, 1965.

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No. 3

(Senate Joint Resolution 3)

Senate Joint Resolution expressing the appreciation of the State of Maryland to the Sidney Hollander Foundation for its contributions in furtherance of race relations in the State.

The Sidney Hollander Foundation was established in December of 1941 as a birthday gift from the children of the Baltimore philanthropist humanitarian whose name it honors. No use was made of the funds established until after World War II when it was agreed to present an annual award for outstanding contribution toward achievement of equal rights and opportunities for Negroes in Maryland.

It was decided that each year a jury of interested Maryland citizens would be requested to select the recipient of the award and, at their discretion, one or more honorable mentions. The trustees provide information for the jury, but they take no part in the actual selection beyond interpreting the criteria established for the Award.

These criteria under which the juries operate specify that the award is to recognize an achievement rather than honor a recipient; hence an accomplishment of the previous calendar year is to be the basis of the award (although accomplishments over a longer period can also be taken into consideration). The criteria further specify that the award does not have to recognize the superlative achievement of the year—not “the”, but “an outstanding contribution.”

Other criteria require that only those activities be considered “tending to reduce discrimination and promote equality of opportunity” rather than “activities of a welfare nature, doing things for Negroes, necessary and important as such activity can be . . .” It was also emphasized that the recipient should be a person, agency or group responsible for a given advance, rather than one which merely complied with legal or social pressures.