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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 706

Offered February 15, 2023

Commending An Achievable Dream, Inc.

Patrons—Tata; Senators: DeSteph, Cosgrove and Rouse

WHEREAS, An Achievable Dream, Inc., in Newport News marked its 30th anniversary in 2022; and
WHEREAS, An Achievable Dream, Inc., was founded in 1992 when Newport News businessman Walter Segaloff assembled a coalition of corporate leaders, educators, city officials, and military partners to launch a summer education and tennis program for third graders facing a variety of social-risk factors; the program soon expanded to a nearby elementary school, which then became An Achievable Dream Academy; and

WHEREAS, An Achievable Dream, Inc., a public/private partnership beginning with Newport News Public Schools, pioneered a model of social and moral focus coupled with a unique education curriculum, proving that all children can learn and succeed; and

WHEREAS, while the program began as a summer and after-school tennis and tutoring program, An Achievable Dream, Inc., soon grew to a full K-12 program and now operates six schools in partnership with Newport News Public Schools, Virginia Beach City Public Schools, and Henrico County Schools, serving over 2,000 students to co-operate fully integrated An Achievable Dream, Inc., schools; and

WHEREAS, An Achievable Dream, Inc., partners with colleges and universities on research, and to provide An Achievable Dream graduates with financial and academic support, as well as maintains partnerships with military, law enforcement, and first responders to provide positive role models for students, and foster the development of positive relationships and interactions between students and those in uniform; and

WHEREAS, An Achievable Dream, Inc., generates revenue to support annual operating costs through annual donations from individuals, corporations, and foundations; state and city funding; events; and funding through endowments; and

WHEREAS, the continued work of all those involved with An Achievable Dream, Inc., is a testament to their dedication to bring equity to education by providing opportunities for success in school and life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend An Achievable Dream, Inc., for its more than 30 years of service to the Southeast Community of the City of Newport News and more recently Virginia Beach and Henrico County; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to An Achievable Dream, Inc., as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for its many years of service to the communities with which it works and the success it has had in educating students who might otherwise have not succeeded.

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