

2019 SESSION

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 837

Commending Thomas E. Ousley.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 11, 2019
Agreed to by the Senate, February 14, 2019

WHEREAS, Thomas E. Ousley, founder and chief executive officer of the Infinite Scholars Program, Inc., has positively impacted generations of college-bound students in the Richmond area and throughout the country by providing resources to further their education; and

WHEREAS, the Infinite Scholars Program is a nonprofit organization founded in 2003 by Thomas Ousley, who taught high school English and history for 29 years for the public schools in Jennings, Missouri; while teaching, he worked on many mentoring and educational initiatives to assist low-income students to attend college; and

WHEREAS, the Infinite Scholars Program was borne out of Thomas Ousley finding that too few of his students who deserved to go to college actually enrolled because they believed they could not afford to go; he designed the Infinite Scholars Program to ensure that financially disadvantaged students could receive the funding they need; today 80 percent of Infinite Scholars Program participants enroll in college; and

WHEREAS, during the past 13 years, Thomas Ousley's Infinite Scholars Program has helped more than 100,000 young people receive more than \$1 billion to attend institutions of higher education and now holds over 30 scholarship fairs annually throughout the country; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Ousley's Infinite Scholars Program has been helping Richmond-area students since 2010 at an annual college fair thanks to a partnership with the Richmond Alumnae Chapter of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority and the Delta House Foundation, impacting thousands of students as they benefit from over \$66 million in scholarship funds; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Thomas E. Ousley for positively impacting generations of college-bound students in the Richmond area and throughout the country by providing resources to further their education; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Thomas E. Ousley as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his contributions to education.

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