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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 406

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*Commending An Achievable Dream, Inc.*

Patrons—Locke, Mason, Cosgrove, Hashmi and McClellan; Delegates: Bagby, Coyner, Mullin, Price, Simonds and VanValkenburg

WHEREAS, An Achievable Dream, Inc., an educational program based in Newport News, marked its 30th anniversary of service to students 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; and

WHEREAS, the program soon expanded to a nearby elementary school, which then became An Achievable Dream Academy; and

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

WHEREAS, An Achievable Dream, Inc., has grown to become a full kindergarten through 12th-grade program and partners with public school districts and their participating schools in primarily underserved communities; the organization now cooperates in six schools in partnership with Newport News Public Schools, Virginia Beach City Public Schools, and Henrico County Schools, serving more than 2,000 students; and

WHEREAS, An Achievable Dream, Inc., partners with colleges and universities to conduct research and to provide its graduates with financial and academic support; it also 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 generous donations from individuals, corporations, and foundations and receives additional support from state and city organizations, fundraising events, and endowments; and

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

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

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate 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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