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# RESOLUTION 2017-2018 #24

IN THE STUDENT SENATE OF TOWSON UNIVERSITY, November 28, 2017, A  
RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE renaming of the Paca House and Carroll Hall  
residence halls.

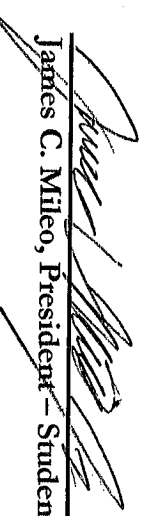
INTRODUCED ON: November 28, 2017

INTRODUCED BY: Senator Best (on behalf of Vice-President Johnson)

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Favorable

SENATE ACTION: PASSED 18.0.0

ENACT UPON APPROVAL.

  
James C. Mileo, President – Student Government Association

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WHEREAS, Paca House and Carroll Hall are named after slave-owners and Declaration of Independence signatories, William Paca and Charles Carroll, respectively.

WHEREAS, many of the wealthy, white men privileged with access to sign the Declaration of Independence were slave owners who perpetuated the systematic oppression of less privileged groups, including indigenous tribes, people of color, women, the youth, those who did not speak English, and those whose financial standing did not allow them access to land or formal education.

WHEREAS, the name change is in compliance with the University System of Maryland (USM) Chancellor Robert L. Caret's December 14, 2015 statement on USM's commitment to diversity and inclusion which reaffirmed the system's commitment to "supporting and nurturing a culture of diversity, inclusion, and fairness" on all campuses.

WHEREAS, in 2015, the Board of Regents voted 12-5 to change the name of University of Maryland, College Park's, Byrd stadium to Maryland Stadium. The stadium was originally named after Harry C. Byrd, who served as the University's president from 1935 to 1954, but was also known for his opposition to integration.

WHEREAS, many Towson University students, faculty, and staff alike find it reasonable to discontinue the ongoing pattern of memorializing the names of certain wealthy figures and families whose influence, affluence, power, and prominence came at the expense of countless others whose names go unacknowledged and their contributions under-recognized.

WHEREAS, Towson University "values diversity and fosters a climate that is grounded in respect and inclusion, enriches the educational experience of students, supports positive workplace environments, promotes excellence, and cultivates the intellectual and personal growth of the entire university community."