

## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 603

*Designating the first full week of February, in 2019 and in each succeeding year, as Enrolled Agents Week in Virginia.*

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 4, 2019

Agreed to by the Senate, February 20, 2019

WHEREAS, the Enrolled Agent profession dates back to 1884, when, after questionable claims had been presented for Civil War losses, the United States Congress acted to regulate persons who represented citizens in their dealings with the U.S. Department of the Treasury; and

WHEREAS, in 1983, Enrolled Agents in Virginia formed the Virginia Society of Enrolled Agents (VASEA) as an affiliate of the National Association of Enrolled Agents; and

WHEREAS, Enrolled Agents are licensed by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) to represent the interest of taxpayers in proceedings before that agency and have demonstrated zeal and proficiency in serving taxpayers throughout the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, to achieve the Enrolled Agent designation, tax professionals must pass a comprehensive three-part examination on all phases of federal tax laws and regulations and must pass a rigorous background check by the IRS; and

WHEREAS, Enrolled Agents must complete 72 hours of continuing professional education every three years to maintain their credentials with the IRS and their professional competence; and

WHEREAS, there are approximately 53,000 Enrolled Agents in the United States, more than 1,000 of whom practice in Virginia; and

WHEREAS, as a prime source of professional expertise on the application of complex federal and state laws and regulations, members of VASEA provide solutions to help Virginia taxpayers file fair and accurate returns; and

WHEREAS, Enrolled Agents have been an important asset to both Virginia taxpayers and the Virginia Department of Taxation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly designate the first full week in February, in 2019 and in each succeeding year, as Enrolled Agents Week in Virginia; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates transmit a copy of this resolution to the Virginia Society of Enrolled Agents so that members of the organization may be apprised of the sense of the General Assembly of Virginia in this matter; and, be it

RESOLVED FINALLY, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates post the designation of this week on the General Assembly's website.