## **HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 131**

Designating April 27 through May 3, 2008, as Plumbing Industry Week in Virginia.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, January 18, 2008 Agreed to by the Senate, February 26, 2008

WHEREAS, the professional plumber plays a vital role in protecting the health, safety, and comfort of citizens in Virginia and the nation; and

WHEREAS, professional plumbers are leaders in new technologies that improve and maintain the essential infrastructure on which the country so desperately depends; and

WHEREAS, the plumbing industry plays a significant role in the economy of Virginia, as the majority of plumbing contractors are small business owners who help create many jobs in the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, 2008 is a special year for plumbers with the celebration of the 125th anniversary of the Plumbing-Heating-Cooling Contractors—National Association, which represents 4,100 contractors and 85,000 technicians in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the anniversary celebration will culminate with an observance of National Plumbing Industry Week, April 27 through May 3, 2008, which will focus attention on the role of the plumbing-heating-cooling industry in safeguarding the nation's environment and the safety, health, and comfort of its people; and

WHEREAS, National Plumbing Industry Week will occur in conjunction with the Plumbing-Heating-Cooling Contractors—National Association's 2008 Leadership and Legislative Conference, during which members of PHCC will visit legislators on Capitol Hill and participate in educational sessions to prepare for the nation's future; and

WHEREAS, many states and cities also will participate in National Plumbing Industry Week through their own locally based activities; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly, in recognition of the many contributions professional plumbers in Virginia and throughout the United States make to society, designate April 27 through May 3, 2008, as Plumbing Industry Week in Virginia and encourage the citizens of the Commonwealth to participate in all activities in support of the plumbing industry; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates post the designation of this week in 2008 on the General Assembly's website.