

## 2014 SESSION

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### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 213

*Commending the Virginia Environmental Professionals' Organization.*

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, January 31, 2014

Agreed to by the Senate, February 6, 2014

WHEREAS, formed in 2013, the Virginia Environmental Professionals' Organization is devoted to providing the highest quality training and ensures communication of environmental information to environmental professionals throughout the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Environmental Professionals' Organization (VAEPO) has promoted the interest and welfare of local government environmental professional staff and promoted a closer, more informed relationship among those engaged in the daily delivery of environmental and conservation professional services to the public; and

WHEREAS, VAEPO has transmitted, in an organized and coordinated manner, to local and state government and other appropriate agencies the desires of VAEPO members on matters relating to codes and regulations governing the environment and conservation practices; and

WHEREAS, VAEPO strives to assist members in their training, technical work, and overall professional development; develops recommendations for code improvement; and communicates new laws, state codes, and interpretations pertaining to the administration of such codes and regulations to facilitate greater consistency among the various political jurisdictions represented by VAEPO members; and

WHEREAS, VAEPO cooperates with other professional groups and federal and state agencies by advancing training and professionalism in environmental law, administration, and enforcement practices; the organization also encourages and promotes improved communication among the public, governmental agencies, commercial and industrial contractors, and trade vendor businesses; and

WHEREAS, VAEPO encourages and promotes educated, consistent, and ethical administration and enforcement of all environmental laws for the benefit of public health, safety, and welfare for the people of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, state agencies are encouraged to fully cooperate with VAEPO as a critical partner in communicating rules, regulations, and changes of policy quickly and efficiently to VAEPO members; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Virginia Environmental Professionals' Organization; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Virginia Environmental Professionals' Organization as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the organization's dedication to providing the highest quality training and information for those engaged in the profession of environmental law administration and enforcement in the Commonwealth.

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