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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 313

Offered January 9, 2019

Commending the Commissioners of the Revenue Association of Virginia.

Patrons—Petersen, Marsden, Barker, Cosgrove, Dance, Deeds, Dunnavant, Ebbin, Favola, Hanger, Howell, Lucas, Mason, McClellan, McDougale, McPike, Norment, Obenshain, Reeves, Saslaw, Spruill, Surovell and Wagner; Delegates: Adams, D.M., Adams, L.R., Aird, Ayala, Brewer, Campbell, R.R., Carr, Cole, Davis, Delaney, Edmunds, Freitas, Hayes, Heretick, Hodges, Hope, Jones, J.C., Keam, Kory, Krizek, Landes, Levine, Lindsey, Morefield, Mullin, Pogge, Price, Rasoul, Rodman, Roem, Simon, Sullivan, Thomas, Tyler, Ware, Watts, Webert, Wilt, Wright and Yancey

WHEREAS, during the earliest years of this country the General Assembly of Virginia understood the need for certain checks and balances in just and proper tax administration; and

WHEREAS, on October 16, 1786, the General Assembly enacted a law to create the office of Commissioner of the Revenue, for which office only "discreet and reputable persons" were to be considered; and

WHEREAS, having fulfilled the duties of the office for 130 years, on January 1, 1919, the elected Commissioners of the Revenue organized themselves into a professional association to provide expert counsel to the General Assembly, the Commonwealth's agencies and departments, and local governments in the formation of sound tax policy and the fair and uniform application of that policy; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners of the Revenue Association of Virginia has met annually since its founding to advise and to disseminate and fairly, uniformly, and impartially apply the tax laws enacted by the General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners of the Revenue Association of Virginia, with the passage of a Virginia Senate joint resolution, adopted on March 19, 1920, "so as to extend the rights of suffrage to women" and the subsequent ratification of the Twentieth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States on August 18, 1920, began to assist local officials in the identification and registration of women voters; and

WHEREAS, on November 18, 1949, the Commissioners of the Revenue Association of Virginia, by resolution, recommended to the General Assembly the elimination of segregated real and personal property tax assessments books, on the basis of race, for citizens of the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, after the General Assembly Regular Session of 1966, the Commissioners of the Revenue Association of Virginia advised and assisted the Commonwealth in the implementation and administration of the newly enacted tax on retail sales, which became effective on July 1, 1966; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners of the Revenue Association of Virginia also advised and assisted the Commonwealth in the implementation and administration of the Personal Property Tax Relief Act of 1998, which became effective on July 1, 1998; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Commissioners of the Revenue Association of Virginia have for 100 years consistently and faithfully discharged, with the highest integrity, the purpose for which the office was created; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Commissioners of the Revenue Association of Virginia on the occasion of its 100th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Commissioners of the Revenue Association of Virginia as an expression of the General Assembly's gratitude and appreciation for the organization and its members, who have, for the last 100 years, faithfully fulfilled their stated purpose to advise and to disseminate and fairly, uniformly, and impartially apply the tax laws of the Commonwealth for the benefit of its citizens.

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