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3 By Senator Ward  
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8 RECOGNIZING FEBRUARY 15, 2016, AS ENROLLED AGENT  
9 DAY.

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11 WHEREAS, more than 150 million individual income tax  
12 returns and 11 million business income tax returns are filed  
13 every year in the United States; over 82 million of those  
14 returns are prepared by tax professionals; and

15 WHEREAS, tax refund fraud is expected to reach \$21  
16 billion by 2016, and tax evasion in the United States exceeds  
17 \$300 billion each year; and

18 WHEREAS, the vast majority of tax fraud perpetrated  
19 by paid tax professionals is done by tax professionals who are  
20 not tax attorneys, certified public accountants, or enrolled  
21 agents; and

22 WHEREAS, enrolled agents are the only federally  
23 licensed tax professionals whose credentials rely exclusively  
24 on a knowledge of the Internal Revenue Code and have unlimited  
25 rights to represent taxpayers before the Internal Revenue  
26 Service to assist in resolving tax issues; now therefore

1                   BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
2   HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That February 15, 2016, be  
3   recognized as Enrolled Agent Day in Alabama and the citizens  
4   of Alabama are urged to take cognizance of this designation.