H&R Block DIY Products Surpass 100M Tax Returns Prepared

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Backed by 60-plus years of tax expertise, H&R Block DIY clients file on their own using innovative products and services

KANSAS CITY, Mo., June 22, 2017 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- In tax season 2017, the total number of tax returns completed using H&R Block (NYSE:HRB) DIY products surpassed 100M. That's 100M tax returns done by DIYers on their smartphones, laptops, tablets and personal computers since the products were first offered in tax season 1994. When brothers Henry W. Bloch and Richard A. Bloch founded H&R Block in 1955, they were trailblazers who invented an industry. But, they probably never imagined that one day people would be able to prepare their own tax returns on phones that could fit in their pockets.

"When it comes to milestones, H&R Block has celebrated many as the inventor of the tax preparation industry," said Heather Watts, H&R Block vice president and general manager of digital products. "For us to reach 100M total tax returns prepared in a season that we also had great innovation and offers for our clients is very special to us."

H&R Block's history, innovation and guarantees set it apart. These are among the innovative technological features H&R Block DIY products offered its clients in tax season 2017:

- "Drag and drop" allows online DIY clients to easily import last year's tax return from any other tax preparation service or provider
- DIY clients using the online product or <u>H&R Block Mobile Tax Prep App</u> can use the "snap-a-pic" feature to take a picture of their W-2 with their smart device for easy import
- Bank-level encryption technology safeguards sensitive client information while it's electronically sent to the IRS
- Like with all H&R Block tax preparation products, consumers receive the brand's guarantees of maximum refund, 100-percent accuracy and 100-percent satisfaction, plus audit support, which includes reviewing the notice, researching the issues involved, helping the taxpayer respond, reviewing the audit findings and explaining the appeal process.

Taxpayers have multiple ways to access H&R Block 24/7, year-round, including visiting www.hrblock.com to use any DIY products, downloading H&R Block apps or making an appointment at a retail tax office.

About H&R Block

H&R Block, Inc. (NYSE:HRB) is a global consumer tax services provider. <u>Tax return preparation</u> services are provided by professional tax preparers in approximately 12,000 company-owned and franchise <u>retail tax offices</u> worldwide, and through H&R Block <u>tax software products</u> for the DIY consumer. H&R Block also offers adjacent Tax Plus products and services. In fiscal 2016, H&R Block had annual revenues of over \$3 billion with 23.2 million tax returns prepared worldwide. For more information, visit the <u>H&R Block Newsroom</u>.

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