

House Resolution 36

By: Representative Cheokas of the 151st

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Thirteenth Colony Distilleries; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Thirteenth Colony Distilleries was found 14 years ago by Alton Darby and Kent
3 Cost in Americus, Georgia, and it has since grown from its humble beginnings into a highly
4 respected source of outstanding quality spirits; and

5 WHEREAS, now under the guiding hand of President Maxwell Darby, this impressive
6 distillery was awarded back-to-back Best of Georgia Distilleries for 2021 and 2022 by the
7 *Georgia Business Journal*, as well as the 2021 Distillery of Distinction award at the Georgia
8 Trustees Wine and Spirits Competition; and

9 WHEREAS, the distillery's mission is to provide award-winning spirits in the bottle while
10 staying at a friendly price on the shelf, sourcing local and regional materials whenever
11 possible and exemplifying its southern heritage; and

12 WHEREAS, in addition to being awarded the Double Gold Distinction, Thirteenth Colony
13 Distilleries' bourbon was named one of the Top 2 Bourbons on the 2022 World's Top Spirits
14 list released recently by the nationally renowned Beverage Testing Institute; and

15 WHEREAS, Thirteenth Colony Distilleries' vodka and rye whiskey were awarded the
16 distinguished honor of Platinum by the SIP Awards in 2022, which stands apart as the only
17 internationally recognized consumer judging spirit competition; and

18 WHEREAS, they annually give back to the Georgia community by partnering with Harvest
19 of Hope Food Pantry and the Giving Kitchen, which is an organization that provides
20 emergence assistance to food service workers; and

21 WHEREAS, this distinguished distillery recently opened a tasting room and is offering tours
22 in the local Americus community, promoting tourism and highlighting southwest Georgia
23 as the birthplace of Georgia distilleries.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
25 the members of this body recognize and commend Thirteenth Colony Distilleries for its
26 many remarkable accomplishments and extend best wishes for continued success.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
28 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
29 Thirteenth Colony Distilleries.