

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 49

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MADAM PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

1 A SENATE RESOLUTION recognizing cold beer as the
2 unofficial beverage of the State of Indiana.

3 *Whereas, The oldest known recipe in the world, located at*
4 *a dig site in China along with brewing equipment dating back*
5 *to approximately 3400 B.C., was a recipe for beer;*

6 *Whereas, Beer has been a staple throughout history, being*
7 *used as a form of payment, administered as an antibiotic, as a*
8 *major part of culture and diet in many civilizations, and*
9 *playing a major role in Indiana's history;*

10 *Whereas, After first being brewed on farmsteads,*
11 *monasteries, and in private homes, beer became industrialized*
12 *in the 1800s and has grown to become a global industry*
13 *responsible for 294.5 billion dollars in annual worldwide*
14 *revenue, with 35 billion gallons being sold each year;*

15 *Whereas, In the United States, the beer industry provides*
16 *for more than 400,000 total jobs, 62.1 billion dollars in*
17 *economic value, and contributes 82 percent of the total U.S.*
18 *beer consumption;*



1 *Whereas, New Harmony, Indiana, is the home of the first*
2 *brewery in the state, after German emigrant George Bentel*
3 *began selling his dark German lager in 1816;*

4 *Whereas, Indiana's craft beer industry has grown from 46*
5 *craft breweries in 2011 to 195 in 2020, producing over 289*
6 *types of beer and over 250,000 barrels of craft beer per year*
7 *and having an economic impact of 1.742 billion dollars in*
8 *2019;*

9 *Whereas, Indiana currently ranks 15th in the nation for the*
10 *total number of breweries in the state and 25th in breweries per*
11 *capita, providing for a labor force of nearly 10,000 employees;*

12 *Whereas, Indiana breweries consistently contend in major*
13 *competitions, most recently winning 19 medals in the Best of*
14 *Craft Beer Awards in 2020, with Three Floyds Brewing of*
15 *Munster, Indiana, being ranked as the third-best brewery out*
16 *of a list of over 16,000 worldwide brewers listed at*
17 *RateBeer.com;*

18 *Whereas, Current beer experts suggest that the various*
19 *styles of beers should be served at different chilled*
20 *temperatures between 38 and 55 degrees Fahrenheit, with*
21 *stronger and darker beers, including Cask Ales and Belgian*
22 *Dubbels, being served at warmer temperatures than weaker or*
23 *lighter beers, like American Mainstream Light Lagers;*

24 *Whereas, In a 2018 poll conducted by local channel RTV6,*
25 *nearly 80 percent of 1,000 respondents stated that they*
26 *supported an expansion of cold beer carryout sales; and*

27 *Whereas, Indiana law currently permits cold beer to be sold*
28 *in liquor stores and breweries, but prohibits the sale of bottled,*
29 *canned, or packaged beer that is iced or chilled from being sold*
30 *in grocery stores, pharmacies, or convenience stores:*
31 *Therefore,*



1 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the*
2 *General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

3 SECTION 1. That the Indiana Senate recognizes cold beer
4 as the unofficial beverage of the State of Indiana.

5 SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed
6 to transmit copies of this Resolution to Lieutenant Governor
7 Suzanne Crouch, Visit Indiana, Indiana Association of
8 Beverage Retailers, and Brewers of Indiana Guild.

