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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2024

HOUSE RESOLUTION

CELEBRATING THE 3RD ANNUAL "RI CRAFT BEER WEEK" IN THE STATE OF
RHODE ISLAND ON MARCH 1ST THROUGH MARCH 10TH OF 2024

Introduced By: Representatives Solomon, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, DeSimone, Vella-
Wilkinson, Casey, Chippendale, Tanzi, Caldwell, and Craven

Date Introduced: March 05, 2024

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, Rhode Island has become home to myriad beer manufacturers who quench
2 our thirst and tantalize our taste buds with an amazing and ever evolving variety of unique craft
3 beers; and

4 WHEREAS, A little more than a decade ago, the State had five breweries while currently
5 there are fifty in the RI Brewers Guild, offering more than 150 selections; and

6 WHEREAS, Small businesses are the backbone of Rhode Island's economy, with craft
7 breweries becoming an economic force at the local and state level, contributing \$876 million
8 annually in wages and benefits, and supporting 7,161 jobs ; and

9 WHEREAS, The craft brewing industry's economic impact also includes the sale of non-
10 beer products including food and merchandise sold by brewpub restaurants and brewery
11 taprooms, and at beer tours of local craft breweries; and

12 WHEREAS, Breweries are giving new and exciting life to sleepy commercial districts
13 and abandoned mills, helping local communities to invigorate and re-invent neighborhoods; and

14 WHEREAS, RI Craft Beer Week will feature numerous events and promotions for the
15 State's breweries with "events featuring Rhody beers at bars, restaurants, liquor stores and more"
16 including a hot dog eating contest, the opportunity for a lucky individual to name a new beer,
17 musical bingo, assorted prizes, and the popular "Rhode Map Challenge" contest, to name but a
18 few of the exciting happenings around the State; and

19 WHEREAS, With innovative offerings, Rhode Island's breweries are meeting

1 consumer's increasing demand, and bringing growth and economic value to our State; now,
2 therefore be it

3 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby
4 celebrates and offers a hardy "Cheers!" for the 3rd annual "RI Craft Beer Week" in the State. We
5 moreover hope the industry continues to grow and flourish; and

6 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
7 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Nils Weldy, Executive Director of the RI
8 Brewers Guild.

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