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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2025

HOUSE RESOLUTION

CELEBRATING THE 4TH ANNUAL "RI CRAFT BEER WEEK" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND ON MARCH 7TH THROUGH MARCH 16TH OF 2025

<u>Introduced By:</u> Representatives Cotter, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Solomon, Chippendale, Casimiro, McEntee, Stewart, Alzate, and Kennedy

Date Introduced: March 13, 2025

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, This year's "RI Craft Beer Week" has as its theme "We've got you covered
15	from head to toe," in which quality merchandise will be given away to include one-of-a-kind
16	Richardson ball caps and Rhode Island Craft Beer Week ball socks. A big highlight of the week
17	will also be the introduction of a brand new All Guild Member Collaborative Beer, an 8.2 ABV
18	Hazy Double IPA. Other fun festivities and events being held this week include live music,

Bingo, Armed Forces & Families Night, a singles event and a comedy Show; and

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1	WHEREAS, With innovative offerings, Rhode Island's breweries are meeting
2	consumer's increasing demand, and bringing growth and economic value to our State; now,
3	therefore be it
4	RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby
5	celebrates and offers a hardy "Cheers!" for the 4th annual "RI Craft Beer Week" in the State. We
6	moreover hope the industry continues to grow and flourish; and
7	RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
8	transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Nils Weldy, Executive Director of the RI
9	Brewers Guild.

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