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### HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 143

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*Commending Virginia craft beer breweries.*

Patrons—Krupicka, Bell, Richard P., Bulova, Carr, Dance, Davis, DeSteph, Edmunds, Fariss, Herring, Hester, Hope, Keam, Kory, Landes, LaRock, Lopez, McQuinn, Minchew, Morrissey, Peace, Plum, Rasoul, Scott, Sickles, Simon, Surovell, Tyler, Ware, Watts, Webert and Yancey

WHEREAS, craft beer breweries from the Commonwealth of Virginia displayed their prowess at the Great American Beer Festival in October 2013, in Denver, Colorado, finishing 4th at the prestigious festival; and

WHEREAS, the Great American Beer Festival, the country's most well-respected beer competition, brought together over 50,000 craft brewers and enthusiasts; and

WHEREAS, the festival's beer competition consists of professional judges identifying the three beers that best represent each style category; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth's craft brewers took home four gold, four silver, and six bronze medals in the competition, with Port City Brewing Company of Alexandria taking the gold for its Optimal Wit in the Belgian Witbier category; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the gold medal, Port City won a silver for its Oktoberfest Vienna lager, and two bronze for Colossal One and Colossal Two, the brewing company's small-batch beers; and

WHEREAS, Nelson County's Devils Backbone Brewery also contributed to the medal count with the Small Brewery of the Year award and two gold, two silver, and two bronze medals; and

WHEREAS, rounding out the Commonwealth's medals were a gold for Ashburn's Lost Rhino Brewing Company, a silver for Great American Restaurants, a bronze for Three Brothers Brewing, and a bronze for Smartmouth Brewing Co.; and

WHEREAS, demonstrating a commitment to high standards and quality products, Virginia craft beer breweries won a total of 14 medals to achieve the 4th place finish; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Virginia craft beer breweries hereby be commended on their 4th place finish at the 2013 Great American Beer Festival; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare copies of this resolution for presentation to the founders of the award-winning breweries, Port City Brewing Company, Devils Backbone Brewery, Lost Rhino Brewing Company, Three Brothers Brewing, and Smartmouth Brewing Co. as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for the Commonwealth's performance at the Great American Beer Festival.

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