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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 375

Offered February 26, 2014

Commending Devils Backbone Brewing Company.

Patrons—Bell, Richard P., Cline, Fariss, Garrett, Howell, W.J. and Landes; Senator: Deeds

WHEREAS, Devils Backbone Brewing Company, a craft brewery established in Nelson County, has received over 40 medals and awards since it began producing quality products in 2008; and

WHEREAS, surpassing its 10-year projections in just two years, Devils Backbone built a second, full-scale production facility in 2010, named the Outpost and located in Lexington, in order to meet demand; by 2013, production estimates exceeded 40,000 barrels a year; and

WHEREAS, since 2009, Devils Backbone has competed in a multitude of competitions, including the Virginia Craft Brewers Fest; the Great American Beer Festival, the most well-respected beer competition in the country; and the World Beer Cup, the most prestigious beer competition in the world, taking home 41 medals and awards altogether; and

WHEREAS, at the 2012 and 2013 Virginia Craft Brewers Fest, hosted at its own Basecamp location, Devils Backbone won two Best of Show awards for its Schwartz Bier and Smokehaus Lager; four gold medals for its Schwartz Bier in 2012 and 2013, Ale of Fergus, and Smokehaus Lager; three silver medals for its Azrael Belgian, Berliner Metro Weiss, and Pear Lager; and one bronze medal for its Kilt Flasher Ale; and

WHEREAS, at the last five Great American Beer Festival competitions, Devils Backbone won seven gold medals for its Gold Leaf Lager in 2009 and 2010, Baltic Coffee, Vienna Lager, Berliner Metro Weiss, Azrael Belgian, and Old Virginia Dark Lager; eight silver medals for its Vienna Lager, Natural Born Keller, Danzig Porter in 2009 and 2012, Tommy Two Fist Oktoberfest, Old Virginia Dark Lager, Gold Leaf Lager, and Berliner Metro Weiss; and eight bronze medals for its Ale of Fergus in 2010 and 2013, Wintergreen Weiss, Gold Leaf Lager, Ramsey's Draft Stout, Ramsey's Export Stout, Turbo Cougar Bock, and Danzig Porter; and

WHEREAS, at the 2010 and 2012 World Beer Cup, Devils Backbone won two gold medals for its Danzig Porter and Vienna Lager and three bronze medals for its Kollaborator Bock, Morning Bear Coffee, and Schwartz Bier; and

WHEREAS, Devils Backbone has also received numerous awards and recognitions, including the Champion Brewery & Brewmaster Small Brewpub award in the 2010 World Beer Cup, Small Brewpub & Small Brewpub Brewer of the year at the 2012 Great American Beer Festival, and Small Brewing Company & Small Brewing Company Brewer of the year at the 2013 Great American Beer Festival, and has taken home the Virginia Brewers Cup in 2012 and 2013; and

WHEREAS, in addition to earning such prestigious accolades, Devils Backbone has collaborated with the Chesapeake Bay Foundation to produce its Striped Bass Pale Ale, raising \$50,000 for educational awareness programs for the foundation and committing itself to promoting clean water and healthy environmental initiatives in the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, known for consistent quality and award-winning products, Devils Backbone has been propelled into a leadership role within the craft brewer industry and helped put Commonwealth craft breweries on the map; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the award-winning Devils Backbone Brewing Company; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Steven Crandall, founder of Devils Backbone Brewing Company, as an expression of the General Assembly's respect and admiration for its commitment to the craft and for providing quality products to the people of the Commonwealth.

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