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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 735

Offered February 16, 2023

Commending Billsburg Brewery.

Patrons—Mullin and Batten; Senators: Mason and Norment

WHEREAS, Billsburg Brewery, an accomplished purveyor of traditional lagers, pilsners, ales, and other quality spirits, has become a favored gathering place for members of the Williamsburg and James City County communities over the past five years; and

WHEREAS, Billsburg Brewery was founded by David Baum, whose passion for home brewing and craft beer inspired him to leave his day job and start a brewery; after securing a location and investors, his vision became a reality in late 2017; and

WHEREAS, Billsburg Brewery is devoted to the art of small-batch brewing and serves an ever-rotating variety of beers that are prepared in-house, including its Fly Away India pale ale, Grand Hallucination imperial rye porter, and Happy Pils Czech pilsner; and

WHEREAS, Billsburg Brewery has expanded its offerings to include frozen drinks and hard seltzer craft cocktails, providing a wealth of options for the benefit of its customers; and

WHEREAS, situated on a 10-acre marina close to the James River and the Jamestown Settlement, Billsburg Brewery provides a place where people can take in the beauty and history of the Commonwealth in the company of family and friends; and

WHEREAS, Billsburg Brewery hosts the Billsburg Cycling and Running Club, providing taproom specials and other incentives to foster a community of active beer lovers; and

WHEREAS, Billsburg Brewery toasted its fifth anniversary with an all-day event on October 29, 2022, where it released five beers that were staff favorites in honor of the brewery's first five years; and

WHEREAS, Billsburg Brewery recently finished a pavilion on its grounds for the enjoyment of its guests and has plans to continue developing the space, promising many more years of growth and success; and

WHEREAS, through the dedication of its staff and its brewers' commitment to excellence, Billsburg Brewery has produced a plethora of world-class beers and helped to make Williamsburg and James City County wonderful places to live, work, and play; and

WHEREAS, while David Baum passed away in February 2020, his legacy of service to the community lives on through Billsburg Brewery; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Billsburg Brewery on the occasion of its fifth anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Billsburg Brewery as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the brewery's contributions to the Commonwealth.