2023 SESSION

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 735

Commending Billsburg Brewery.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 20, 2023 Agreed to by the Senate, February 22, 2023

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.