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**FROM: REP. PETER J. DALEY, DEMOCRATIC CHAIRMAN
HOUSE COMMERCE COMMITTEE**

**SUBJECT: RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY AS "PA CRAFT
BEER MONTH"**

DATE: NOVEMBER 17, 2011

In the near future, I plan to introduce a non-controversial resolution recognizing the month of February as PA Craft Beer Month.

Of the top 50 brewing companies in the United States, five of them operate in Pennsylvania. Of those five, Yuengling and Sam Adams are ranked 4th and 5th just below Anheuser-Busch, MillerCoors, and Pabst.

In 2010, economic impact studies found that the beer industry affects nearly 60,000 jobs being held by Pennsylvanians. They also said that the beer industry generates over \$6.9 billion in the state of Pennsylvania alone as well as tax revenue just under the amount of \$1.2 billion on the federal, state, and local levels.

Our brewers, (76 of the 78 being small businesses) use as many local resources as possible to produce their beer including locally grown fruit, spices, wheat, corn, barley, and hops; as well as water, glass, and packaging materials.

Why February? February is a very slow month for beer sales around the country due to the lack of events between the end of the football season and St. Patrick's Day. The recognition of our talented local brewers would act as a small boost to the economy and a large boost to our brewers' morale.

I invite you to join me in celebrating the talent and innovation of Pennsylvania's brewers during the month of February.

Please call Jamie Macon at 783-9333 (or e-mail, jmacon@pahouse.net) if you would like to co-sponsor this resolution.

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