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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 784 Session of  
2015

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DONATUCCI, MAJOR, FARINA AND GINGRICH, APRIL 6, 2016

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
APRIL 6, 2016

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating April 22, 2016, as "Local Craft Beer Day" in  
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, This Commonwealth has played an important role in  
4 the history of the American beer industry and is home to the  
5 oldest operating brewery in the United States; and

6 WHEREAS, The United States craft beer industry increased 18%  
7 by volume and 22% by dollar share in 2014; and

8 WHEREAS, Nationally, the craft beer market represents \$19.6  
9 billion of the \$101.5 billion beer market; and

10 WHEREAS, By the end of 2014, breweries were opening  
11 throughout the United States at a rate of 1.5 per day and more  
12 than 2,000 breweries were in the planning stage; and

13 WHEREAS, This Commonwealth plays an important role in these  
14 statistics, ranking first in the country in annual craft beer  
15 production; and

1       WHEREAS, This Commonwealth is home to at least 136 craft  
2 breweries which have an economic impact of nearly \$4.5 billion  
3 annually; and

4       WHEREAS, April 22 marks the kickoff of "Harrisburg Beer  
5 Week," which runs until April 30; and

6       WHEREAS, "Harrisburg Beer Week" also coincides with the 6th  
7 annual celebration of PA Flavor, an event to be held April 23  
8 that brings together Pennsylvania craft breweries, restaurants  
9 and food producers so that attendees may sample some of this  
10 Commonwealth's finest foods and craft beer products; and

11       WHEREAS, Both events celebrate Pennsylvania-produced craft  
12 beers, locally sourced products and the economic impact the  
13 craft beer industry has on the surrounding community; therefore  
14 be it

15       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate April  
16 22, 2016, as "Local Craft Beer Day" in Pennsylvania; and be it  
17 further

18       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives encourage  
19 residents of this Commonwealth to celebrate "Local Craft Beer  
20 Day" by responsibly partaking in Pennsylvania craft beers,  
21 sampling new products and gaining awareness of the locally  
22 sourced food and beverage products produced by fellow  
23 Pennsylvania residents.