

1           A RESOLUTION designating Kentucky Common as the official state beer of  
2 Kentucky.

3           WHEREAS, in February 2021, the Brewers Association, a not-for-profit group  
4 dedicated to promoting and protecting America's small and independent craft brewers,  
5 officially included Kentucky Common as a style of beer; and

6           WHEREAS, sometimes referred to as a "Common" or a "Dark Cream Ale,"  
7 Kentucky Common originated in Louisville in the mid-19th century due to the influx of  
8 German and Irish immigrants into the city; and

9           WHEREAS, by the 1850s, 75 percent of beer produced and sold in and around  
10 Louisville was Kentucky Common; and

11           WHEREAS, Kentucky Common is one of the only beer styles with origins in the  
12 United States; and

13           WHEREAS, while Kentucky Common fell out of circulation during Prohibition, the  
14 recent craft beer boom has brought the style back to the Commonwealth. Now many of  
15 the 90 breweries in Kentucky brew Kentucky Common; and

16           WHEREAS, this august body rightfully honors those styles of beer that are  
17 indigenous to our Commonwealth; and

18           WHEREAS, in so doing, the members commend the hard work and sacrifice so  
19 many brewers have made over the years keeping Kentucky Common at the forefront of  
20 Kentucky's rich and vital association with beer; and

21           WHEREAS, the members further acknowledge the work of the Louisville Ale Trail  
22 and all those associated with reacquainting the public with this time-tested—and deeply  
23 Kentucky—style of beer; and

24           WHEREAS, in this spirit, this body designates Kentucky Common the official state  
25 beer of Kentucky;

26           NOW, THEREFORE,

27 ***Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the***

1 *Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

2       ➔Section 1. The House of Representatives hereby designates Kentucky Common  
3 the official state beer of Kentucky.

4       ➔Section 2. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a  
5 copy of this Resolution to Representative Lisa Willner.