

**No. R-213. House concurrent resolution designating May 13–19, 2013 as American Craft Beer Week in Vermont and celebrating Gregfest.**

(H.C.R.162)

Offered by: Representatives Martin of Springfield, Dakin of Chester, and Emmons of Springfield

Offered by: Senators Campbell, McCormack, and Nitka

Whereas, Vermont is a hub of craft brewing, and

Whereas, brewing in the Green Mountains receives an encouraging boost from the American Brewers Guild of Salisbury, which operates one of the premier brewing schools in the United States, and

Whereas, the strength of Vermont's craft brewing industry has resulted in the State's becoming a prime destination for malt beverage tourism, and

Whereas, last year in Vermont, 400,000 barrels of beer were brewed, the brewing industry employed approximately 400 persons, and the average wage was \$14.00 per hour, and

Whereas, the state's craft breweries will observe American Craft Beer Week May 13-19, 2013, and

Whereas, in memory and celebration of the late Greg Noonan, who opened the Vermont Pub and Brewery in Burlington in 1998, the first modern-era brew pub in Vermont, the Vermont Brewers Association will sponsor Gregfest from May 18 to 27 in which its members—Backacre Beermakers (Weston), Covered Bridge Craft Brewery (Lyndonville), Crop Bistro & Brewery (Stowe), Drop In Brewing Company (Middlebury), Fiddlehead Brewing Company (Shelburne), Foley Brothers Brewing (Brandon), 14th Star Brewing Company (St. Albans), Grateful Hands Brewing (Cabot), Harpoon Brewery (Windsor), Hill Farmstead Brewery (Greensboro Bend), Jasper Murdock's Alehouse at The Norwich Inn (Norwich), Kingdom Brewing (Newport), Lawson's Finest Liquids (Warren), Long Trail Brewing Company (Bridgewater Corners), Lost Nation Brewing (Morrisville), Madison Brewing (Bennington), Magic Hat Brewing Company (South Burlington), McNeill's Brewery (Brattleboro), Northshire Brewery (Bennington), Otter Creek Brewing (Middlebury), Rock Art Brewery (Morrisville), Switchback Brewing Company (Burlington), The Alchemist Brewery (Waterbury), The Bobcat Café (Bristol), Three Needs Taproom & Brewery (Burlington), Trapp Family Lodge (Stowe), Trout River Brewing (Lyndonville), Vermont Pub & Brewery (Burlington), Whetstone Station Restaurant & Brewery (Brattleboro), and Zero Gravity Craft Brewery at American Flatbread (Burlington)—are encouraged to participate, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates May 13–19, 2013 as American Craft Beer Week in Vermont and celebrates Gregfest, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Kurt Staudter, Executive Director of the Vermont Brewers Association in Springfield.