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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate the Hailstorm Brewing Co.
4 of Tinley Park on its success at the 2017 Great American Beer
5 Festival; and

6 WHEREAS, The Hailstorm Brewing Co. was founded in April of
7 2014 by owners Brandon Banbury, Chris Schiller, Gene
8 Wabiszczewicz, and Josh Wabiszczewicz; and

9 WHEREAS, The Hailstorm Brewing Co. has developed a loyal
10 following of craft beer enthusiasts in the south suburbs and
11 across Illinois, as evidenced by the overflow crowds in the
12 taproom and the way the cans fly off the shelves at local
13 retailers; and

14 WHEREAS, The Hailstorm Brewing Co. is expanding its taproom
15 next spring from 900 to 4,400 square feet in order to provide
16 more space for the community they foster; and

17 WHEREAS, The Hailstorm Brewing Co. recently returned from
18 the 2017 Great American Beer Festival with a Gold Medal for its
19 Prairie Madness, which won Gold over 408 entries in the
20 American-Style India Pale Ale, the most competitive category in
21 the entire competition, and a silver for its Rock Out with

1 Maibock Out in the Bock category; and

2 WHEREAS, The Hailstorm Brewing Co. employs 12 people and is
3 an important part of the quality of life in Tinley Park and the
4 surrounding communities; and

5 WHEREAS, The people of the Hailstorm Brewing Co. exemplify
6 the hard working, creative, passionate, and generous nature of
7 Illinois craft brewers across the State; and

8 WHEREAS, Illinois is fortunate to be home to 180 craft
9 breweries with more coming online each month; and

10 WHEREAS, The Illinois craft beer industry directly employs
11 4,500 people and has a \$2.6 billion economic impact across the
12 State; therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
14 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
15 congratulate the Hailstorm Brewing Co. for its Gold and Silver
16 Medals and thank everyone at Hailstorm for bringing the
17 hardware home to a state that loves its beer and its brewers;
18 and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
20 presented to the Hailstorm Brewing Co. as a symbol of our

1 respect and esteem.