

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Ironroot Republic Distilling in Denison earned
2 great distinction by winning a 2017 World Whisky Award from *Whisky*
3 magazine for its Hubris Corn Whiskey; and

4 WHEREAS, An alcoholic beverage distilled from the fermented
5 mash of barley, corn, rye, or wheat, whiskey has been made for
6 centuries by cultures all around the world; the name originates
7 from the Gaelic term for "water of life," *uisce beatha*, and by long
8 tradition, the Irish and American versions are spelled "whiskey,"
9 while liquor distilled in Scotland or other countries is spelled
10 "whisky"; and

11 WHEREAS, Ironroot Republic was founded in Denison in 2014 by
12 two brothers from El Paso, Jonathan and Robert Likarish; the name of
13 the distillery pays tribute to Thomas Volney Munson, a
14 horticulturist in Denison who pioneered a new disease-resistant
15 grape by grafting European grapes to the "iron roots" of the Texas
16 mustang grape; and

17 WHEREAS, The Likarish brothers practice a local,
18 grain-to-glass philosophy, distilling spirits that celebrate the
19 agriculture, history, and culture of the Lone Star State; in
20 addition to whiskey, the company makes brandy, moonshine, gin, and
21 vodka, largely with grains grown within 60 miles of the distillery;
22 and

23 WHEREAS, In addition to the award from *Whisky* magazine,
24 Ironroot Hubris Corn Whiskey also won Double Gold and Best Corn

1 Whiskey at the San Francisco World Spirits Competition; Ironroot's
2 Harbinger Bourbon Whiskey won Gold for Non-Kentucky Bourbon from
3 *Whisky* magazine and Double Gold at the New York World Wine and
4 Spirits Competition, while its Promethean Bourbon Whiskey took Best
5 in Class Gold at the Whiskies of the World Competition; the company
6 itself was a Texas Rural Challenge winner in 2016, and that same
7 year, it won the Governor's Small Business Award; and

8 WHEREAS, Locally owned and operated enterprises make a
9 welcome contribution to the prosperity and distinct character of
10 their communities, and it is a pleasure to recognize Ironroot
11 Republic Distilling for the reputation for excellence that it has
12 achieved; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
14 Legislature hereby congratulate Ironroot Republic Distilling on
15 winning the World's Best Corn Whiskey Award from *Whisky* magazine
16 and extend to Jonathan and Robert Likarish and their employees
17 sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

18 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
19 prepared for Ironroot Republic Distilling as an expression of high
20 regard by the Texas House of Representatives.

Phillips

Straus	Goldman	Oliverson
Allen	Gonzales of Williamson	Ortega
Alonzo	González of El Paso	Paddie
Alvarado	Gooden	Parker
Anchia	Guerra	Paul
Anderson of Dallas	Guillen	Perez
Anderson of McLennan	Gutierrez	Phelan
Arévalo	Hefner	Phillips
Ashby	Hernandez	Pickett
Bailes	Herrero	Price
Bell	Hinojosa	Raney
Bernal	Holland	Raymond
Biedermann	Howard	Reynolds
Blanco	Huberty	Rinaldi
Bohac	Hunter	Roberts
Bonnen of Brazoria	Isaac	Rodriguez of Bexar
Bonnen of Galveston	Israel	Rodriguez of Travis
Burkett	Johnson of Dallas	Romero, Jr.
Burns	Johnson of Harris	Rose
Burrows	Kacal	Sanford
Button	Keough	Schaefer
Cain	King of Hemphill	Schofield
Canales	King of Parker	Schubert
Capriglione	King of Uvalde	Shaheen
Clardy	Klick	Sheffield
Coleman	Koop	Shine
Collier	Krause	Simmons
Cook	Kuempel	Smithee
Cortez	Lambert	Springer
Cosper	Landgraf	Stephenson
Craddick	Lang	Stickland
Cyrier	Larson	Stucky
Dale	Laubenberg	Swanson
Darby	Leach	Thierry
Davis of Dallas	Longoria	Thompson of Brazoria
Davis of Harris	Lozano	Thompson of Harris
Dean	Lucio III	Tinderholt
Deshotel	Martinez	Turner
Dukes	Metcalf	Uresti
Dutton	Meyer	VanDeaver
Elkins	Miller	Villalba
Faircloth	Minjarez	Vo
Fallon	Moody	Walle
Farrar	Morrison	White
Flynn	Muñoz, Jr.	Wilson
Frank	Murphy	Workman
Frullo	Murr	Wray
Geren	Neave	Wu
Gervin-Hawkins	Nevárez	Zedler
Giddings	Oliveira	Zerwas

H.R. No. 1415

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1415 was adopted by the House on April 17, 2017, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House