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H. RES. 579

Recognizing the 50th anniversary of the Congressional declaration of bourbon whiskey as a distinctive product of the United States.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 9, 2014

Mr. YARMUTH (for himself and Mr. BARR) submitted the following resolution;
which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

RESOLUTION

Recognizing the 50th anniversary of the Congressional declaration of bourbon whiskey as a distinctive product of the United States.

Whereas on May 4, 1964, Congress declared bourbon whiskey a distinctive product of the United States that is unlike other types of alcoholic beverages, whether foreign or domestic;

Whereas to be designated as “bourbon”, a product must conform to high standards and be manufactured in accordance with the laws and regulations of the United States, which prescribe Federal Standards of Identity for “bourbon whisky”;

Whereas bourbon whiskey has achieved recognition and acceptance throughout the world as a distinctive product of the United States;

Whereas Kentucky, the birthplace of bourbon, produces 95 percent of the world's supply;

Whereas Kentucky's iconic bourbon brands are reaching farther than ever, with more than 30,000,000 gallons shipped to 126 countries, making bourbon the largest export category among all United States distilled spirits and a source of national pride;

Whereas bourbon production has increased by more than 120 percent since 1999; and

Whereas bourbon is a vital part of American culture and the economy, generating 9,000 jobs in Kentucky and almost \$2,000,000,000 in gross Kentucky product in 2010: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives recog-
 2 nizes the 50th anniversary of the Congressional declara-
 3 tion of bourbon whiskey as a distinctive product of the
 4 United States.

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