## 2024 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 56

## BY REPRESENTATIVE WILLARD

## SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH: Designates October 10, 2024, as Black Brewers' Day

1	A RESOLUTION
2	To designate Thursday, October 10, 2024, as Black Brewers' Day.
3	WHEREAS, the rich tapestry of our nation is woven with the vibrant threads of
4	diversity, and the state of Louisiana stands as a shining example of this beautiful mosaic; and
5	WHEREAS, throughout history, African Americans have made significant
6	contributions to the culture, economy, and social fabric of our state, and have played an
7	integral role in shaping the brewing industry in Louisiana; and
8	WHEREAS, the craft beer industry has experienced remarkable growth and
9	innovation, and African American brewers have emerged as talented artisans, creating
10	unique and exceptional brews that showcase their passion, creativity, and dedication; and
11	WHEREAS, on October 10, 1970, Theodore A. "Ted" Mack, Sr., and his business
12	associates celebrated the purchase of Peoples Brewing Company in Oshkosh, Wisconsin,
13	with over two thousand guests, including stockholders, local and state legislators, and
14	notable dignitaries; and
15	WHEREAS, Mr. Mack became the first African American brewery president in the
16	United States, and Peoples Brewing Company became the first black-owned brewery in our
17	nation's history; and
18	WHEREAS, the National Black Brewers Association was formed as a non-profit
19	organization in December 2022 to support, promote, and develop the black brewing
20	community; and

1	WHEREAS, it is essential to recognize and celebrate the achievements and
2	contributions of black brewers in Louisiana, who have overcome challenges and barriers to
3	establish themselves as pillars of the craft beer community; and
4	WHEREAS, the establishment of Black Brewers' Day provides an opportunity for
5	Louisiana to acknowledge, honor, and support the accomplishments of black brewers, to
6	raise awareness about the diversity within the brewing industry, and to foster a spirit of
7	inclusion and equality; and
8	WHEREAS, celebrating Black Brewers' Day will encourage individuals and
9	communities to discover and appreciate the exceptional craftsmanship and unique flavors
10	that black brewers bring to the brewing industry.
11	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
12	Legislature of Louisiana does hereby designate Thursday, October 10, 2024, as Black
13	Brewers' Day and does hereby encourage Louisianians to observe this day with appropriate
14	programs, ceremonies, and activities to celebrate and acknowledge the contributions of black
15	brewers in Louisiana and the United States.

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