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H. RES. 1028

Commending Southern California Wineries and Vineyards Resolution.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 23, 2024

Mr. ISSA (for himself and Mr. CALVERT) submitted the following resolution;
which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

RESOLUTION

Commending Southern California Wineries and Vineyards
Resolution.

Whereas wine growers in southern California counties are a proud and established local institution that make lasting contributions to the economies of our State and Nation by producing beloved wines, creating jobs, and growing regional tourism;

Whereas, despite facing formidable challenges, including prolonged droughts, high labor and energy costs, and burdensome land use regulations, southern California wine growers have continually exhibited resilience and achieved success;

Whereas the wine industry in southern California has demonstrated uncommon adaptability and employed innovative solutions to optimize water usage through drip irri-

gation systems, exploring the development of drought-resistant grape varieties, and experimenting with new automated growing technologies;

Whereas southern California wine growers have created abundant new opportunities for employment and economic development in the region;

Whereas the southern California wine industry employs more than 600,000 Americans, and more than 422,000 are from California alone;

Whereas, comprised of 93 vineyard and winery operations, Riverside County wineries and wine-related businesses generate an average of more than 17,000 jobs and more than \$956,000,000 every year, as well as \$2,700,000,000 in annual economic activity in the State;

Whereas, comprised of 203 vineyard and winery operations, San Diego County wineries and wine-related businesses generate more than 29,000 jobs and more than \$1,700,000,000 every year, as well as \$4,400,000,000 in annual economic activity in the State;

Whereas, comprised of 45 vineyard and winery operations, Orange County wineries and wine-related businesses generate more than 30,000 jobs and more than \$1,800,000,000 every year, as well as \$4,700,000,000 in annual economic activity in the State;

Whereas, comprised of 13 vineyard and winery operations, San Bernardino County wineries and wine-related businesses generate more than 13,400 jobs and more than \$752,000,000 every year, as well as \$2,000,000,000 in annual economic activity in the State;

Whereas, comprised of 498 vineyard and winery operations, San Luis Obispo County wineries and wine-related busi-

nesses generate more than 9,700 jobs and more than \$600,000,000 every year, as well as \$1,900,000,000 in annual economic activity in the State;

Whereas, comprised of 327 vineyard and winery operations, Santa Barbara County wineries and wine-related businesses generate more than 10,200 jobs and more than \$602,000,000 every year, as well as \$1,700,000,000 in annual economic activity in the State;

Whereas, comprised of 45 vineyard and winery operations, Ventura County wineries and wine-related businesses generate more than 6,900 jobs and almost \$400,000,000 every year, as well as \$1,000,000,000 in annual economic activity in the State;

Whereas the southern California wine industry has played a vital role in promoting tourism, drawing visitors to the region, and enriching its overall economic landscape;

Whereas, in 2022, Riverside County welcomed approximately 3,200,000 visitors to its Temecula Valley wineries and generated \$487,400,000 in annual tourism spending;

Whereas, in 2022, San Diego County wineries generated over \$911,000,000 in annual tourism spending;

Whereas, in 2022, Orange County wineries generated \$854,600,000 in annual tourism spending;

Whereas, in 2022, San Bernardino County wineries generated \$376,400,000 in annual tourism spending;

Whereas, in 2022, San Luis Obispo County wineries generated nearly \$84,000,000 in annual tourism spending;

Whereas, in 2022, Santa Barbara County wineries generated over \$117,000,000 in annual tourism spending;

Whereas, in 2022, Ventura County wineries generated nearly \$171,000,000 in annual tourism spending;

Whereas Thrillist, a digital media company that offers travel recommendations, named Southern California Wine Country an “Underrated Wine Region to Visit in 2024”;

Whereas, in 2019, Wine Enthusiast named Riverside County’s Temecula Valley as one of the top 10 best wine travel destinations worldwide;

Whereas, in 2023, a Temecula Valley winery received 2 gold-winning wines and 6 silver-winning wines at Sunset Magazine’s Annual International Wine Competition in Santa Rosa, California;

Whereas, in 2023, Wine Enthusiast named a 2021 San Luis Obispo County wine as one of the year’s top 10 California wines; and

Whereas the high-quality wines produced by southern California wine growers have earned national and international acclaim, further bolstering the reputation of California as a premier wine-producing region: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives recog-
2 nizes—

3 (1) the importance of southern California wine
4 growers and the wine industry to the State of Cali-
5 fornia; and

6 (2) the significant contributions the southern
7 California wine industry has made to the American
8 economy, tourism industry, and job market.