



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
900 COURT ST NE
SALEM, OR 97301

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Johnson".

From the desk of Rep. Mark Johnson

In support of House Resolution 12 which would designate *Saccharomyces Cerevisiae* (brewer's yeast) as the State Microbe.

"State emblems, they're sort of representative of our culture," Ian Coaxall, with Santiam Brewery said. "All the flora and fauna of the state ... and craft brewing is huge here in Oregon." (KVAL News, April 6, 2013)

"It's something to have a little fun, but also to pay tribute to the success of craft brewing as an industry in Oregon that has grown exponentially in recent years, during a time of overall economic recession in Oregon," said Johnson, who introduced the legislation Wednesday with brewers from Rogue Ales in Newport and start-up craft brewery Santiam Brewery of Salem at his side. (Hood River News, April 5, 2013)

"Where would we be if we didn't have this stuff?" asked Lou Gehrig of Odell, a craft baker celebrating 30 years in business this year with his wife, Anne. (Hood River News, April 5, 2013)

"A humble creature that has long toiled in obscurity for the benefit of humankind is poised to win a small measure of the distinction it deserves: designation as Oregon's official state microbe.

It looks to be the first microbe to gain official state recognition." (NPR, April 5, 2013)

"Celebrating the yeast that makes fermentation possible is such a wonderful acknowledgement of what Oregon breweries, wineries and bakeries bring to the state not just in economic impact and job creation but also in tourism and quality of life," said Irene Firmat, Full Sail Brewery CEO and founder. (Hood River News, April 5, 2013)

"Oregon is regarded nationwide as ground zero in the thriving craft brew industry," said Rep. Mark Johnson of Hood River, citing Full Sail Brewing Co. in his district. "They have spun off at least four other brewing companies within Hood River," said Johnson, a Republican. "It's just an example of what this microbe has been involved in and led to." (San Francisco Chronicle - April 4, 2013)

