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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate wish to
3 congratulate Terrapin Flyer on the occasion of the band's 25th
4 anniversary; and

5 WHEREAS, Terrapin Flyer, which aims to recapture the
6 spirit and essence of the Grateful Dead by incorporating jazz,
7 blues, and bluegrass into full-band improvisations, has its
8 roots in a Grateful Dead jam night held at Chicago's Boulevard
9 Cafe in 1999; the band began touring with Grateful Dead
10 keyboardist Vince Welnick in 2001 and later toured with Melvin
11 Seals, who played Hammond organ for the Jerry Garcia Band, and
12 Grateful Dead keyboardist Tom Constanten; and

13 WHEREAS, Terrapin Flyer has been regularly recognized as
14 one of the best Grateful Dead cover bands; the band was joined
15 on stage by Derek Trucks of the world-famous Tedeschi Trucks
16 Band at Martyrs' music venue in Chicago in 2026 and continues
17 to play sold-out shows around the country, as well as in Costa
18 Rica and Europe; and

19 WHEREAS, Terrapin Flyer has been honored by the Grateful
20 Guitars Foundation, which presented a guitar to band member
21 Josh Olken and donated to The People's Music School in his name
22 to provide free music instruction to Chicago area children in

1 2025; and

2 WHEREAS, Terrapin Flyer consists of founder and rhythm
3 guitarist Doug Hagman, lead guitarist Josh Olken, bass
4 guitarist Wavy Dave Burlingame, keyboardist Michael Cole, and
5 drummer Jon Reed, all originally from the Chicago area;
6 therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL
8 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate
9 Terrapin Flyer on the occasion of the band's 25th anniversary,
10 and we wish its members many more years of success; and be it
11 further

12 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
13 presented to Terrapin Flyer as an expression of our esteem and
14 respect.