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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, One of the most prolific musical groups to come from the State of Illinois has been the rock group Cheap Trick; and

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WHEREAS, Cheap Trick's roots lie in Fuse, a late-1960s Rockford band formed by Rick Nielsen and bassist Tom Petersson; during the early 1970's the band toured throughout the State, performing at every State university in Illinois; and

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WHEREAS, Cheap Trick signed with Epic Records in 1976, releasing their self-titled debut in early 1977; the record sold well in America; however, the group became a massive success in Japan, going gold upon release; later that year, the band released their second album, "In Color"; due to their constant touring, the record made it into the U.S. charts, peaking at number 73; and

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WHEREAS, The band realized that they were virtual superstars in Japan when they toured the country in early 1978, selling out the Budokan Arena; the Budokan Arena concert was recorded for a television program, which ended up becoming an album that appeared after their third album, 1978's "Heaven Tonight"; Heaven Tonight led to their first Top 100 single, "Surrender," which peaked at number 62; the live performances

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1 on "At Budokan" resulted in their commercial breakthrough in
2 the U.S.; the album stayed on the charts for over a year,
3 peaking at number four and eventually selling over three
4 million copies; a live version of "I Want You to Want Me"
5 pulled from the album became their first Top Ten hit; later
6 that year, the group released their fourth studio album, "Dream
7 Police"; the album also went into the Top Ten, selling over a
8 million copies and launching the Top 40 hit singles "Voices"
9 and "Dream Police"; in the summer of 1980, the group released
10 an EP of tracks recorded between 1976-1979 called "Found All
11 the Parts"; and

12 WHEREAS, Petersson left the group in the summer of 1980
13 after recording the album "All Shook Up"; he was replaced by
14 Pete Comita, and shortly thereafter Jon Brant; the first album
15 recorded with Brant was "One on One", the group's seventh album
16 that appeared in 1982; The album was followed with "Next
17 Position Please", released in 1983, "Standing on the Edge" in
18 1985, and "The Doctor" in 1986; Petersson rejoined the band in
19 1988 and began working on a new album; the resulting album, Lap
20 of Luxury, was a platinum Top 20 hit, featuring the number one
21 song "The Flame" and a Top Ten version of Elvis Presley's
22 "Don't Be Cruel"; "Busted", released in 1990, peaked at number
23 48 on the charts; and

24 WHEREAS, In 1994 Cheap Trick released "Woke Up With A

1 Monster"; the record spent two weeks on the chart, peaking at
2 123; That same year, they released a sequel to At Budokan,
3 entitled Budokan II; the band opened for The Smashing Pumpkins
4 in 1995 and the group performed on the 1996 Lollapalooza tour;
5 That same year, they released the box set Sex America Cheap
6 Trick to good reviews; early in 1997, the group released "Baby
7 Talk on Sub Pop", which was followed by "Cheap Trick", their
8 critically acclaimed debut for Red Ant/Alliance in the spring;
9 in 1998 the band established their own record company, Cheap
10 Trick Unlimited; they toured behind the re-mastered
11 re-releases of Budokan: the Complete Concert, and their first
12 three records; the tour resulted in the live effort "Music For
13 Hangovers"; in 2001 the band produced their album "Special
14 One"; their latest album, "Rockford", was released on June 6th,
15 2006; and

16 WHEREAS, Cheap Trick has performed over 5000 live
17 performances, including USO tours in 12 countries with the 1st
18 Airborne Rock and Roll Division; they have made 28 albums and
19 have sold over 20 million records; their songs have been
20 featured on many television shows, such as That 70's Show, The
21 Colbert Report, and ABC's Sons and Daughters, and many movies,
22 such as Top Gun, Daddy Day Care, Caddyshack, and Fast Times at
23 Ridgemont High; the band has appeared on the cover of Rolling
24 Stone magazine and has been named by Rolling Stone in their Top
25 10 Greatest Live Acts and Top 100 Greatest Songs lists; the

1 band performed on Saturday Night Live in 1981; their songs have
2 been covered by many famous artists, such as Chris Issac,
3 Dwight Yoakam, Smashing Pumpkins, Alice Cooper, and many
4 others; the individual members have produced songs for Kiss,
5 Aerosmith, Motley Crue, and John Lennon, among others; and they
6 have been commemorated with a special Rockford Illinois Vehicle
7 Sticker in 2007; and

8 WHEREAS, Despite their monumental success in the music
9 industry, Cheap Trick's band members still consider the City of
10 Rockford and the State of Illinois to be their home; therefore,
11 be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL
13 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we designate April 1 of
14 every year as Cheap Trick Day in the State of Illinois; and be
15 it further

16 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
17 presented to Rick Nielsen, Robin Zander, Bun E. Carlos, and Tom
18 Petersson as a symbol of our esteem and respect.