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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate wish to recognize the band The Ides of March as it celebrates its 50th anniversary of performing together; and

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WHEREAS, The group that would become The Ides of March began in Berwyn on October 16, 1964 as "The Shon-Dels"; its first record, "Like It Or Lump It", was released on its own "Epitome" record label in 1965; and

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WHEREAS, In 1966, after changing its name to The Ides of March - a name suggested by bassist Bob Bergland after reading Shakespeare's "Julius Caesar" in high school - the band released "You Wouldn't Listen", its first single on Parrot Records; and

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WHEREAS, In 1970, the Ides of March released the track "Vehicle", which at the time became the fastest selling single in Warner Brothers Records' history; the song reached #2 on the Hot 100 and #6 on the corresponding Cash Box listings; it sold over 1,000,000 copies and was awarded a gold record in November of 1972; the following album, "Vehicle", reached #55 nationally; and

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WHEREAS, From 1973 to 1990, The Ides of March went on an

1 extended hiatus, but the band returned with its original
2 line-up in 1990 and continues to make new music and tour the
3 United States to this day; and

4 WHEREAS, The members of The Ides of March are Larry Millas,
5 Jim Peterik, Bob Bergland, Mike Borch, Dave Stahlberg, Scott
6 May, Tim Bales, and Steve Eisen; past-members are John Larson,
7 Ray Herr, Conrad Prybe, Dave Arellano, Dave Southern, and Chuck
8 Soumar; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL
10 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we recognize the band,
11 The Ides of March, as it celebrates its 50th anniversary of
12 performing together and wish them many more successful years;
13 and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That we proclaim October 16, 2014 as "The Ides of
15 March Day" in the State of Illinois; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
17 presented to The Ides of March as a symbol of our esteem and
18 respect.