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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 122

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A Resolution recognizing the 100th anniversary of  
Glenn Miller's birthday.

WHEREAS, Alton Glenn Miller was born in Clarinda,  
Iowa, on March 1, 1904, in the family home located at  
601 S. 16th Street, now Glenn Miller Avenue; and

WHEREAS, Glenn Miller organized an orchestra in  
1938, performing with an acclaimed style of big band  
swing music that quickly set new records in attendance  
and recording sales and continued to do so until the  
orchestra was disbanded in 1942 at the height of its  
popularity; and

WHEREAS, Glenn Miller and His Orchestra were the  
first musicians to be recognized with a gold record  
and this recognition has continued with an  
accumulation of 29 gold records, so far; and

WHEREAS, Glenn Miller showed his patriotism by  
volunteering at the age of 38 to join the U.S. Army  
Air Force "to bring our music to the servicemen here  
and abroad"; and

WHEREAS, he was commissioned as a captain and  
assembled a military band of top-notch musicians that  
was ordered to England in the spring of 1944, bringing  
a new swinging sound to military music; and

WHEREAS, despite experiencing a shattering loss  
with the death of Glenn Miller halfway through the  
band's European mission, the band spent 13 months in  
the European theater of operations while performing  
nearly 1,000 times, making musical history while world

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1 history was being made; and

2 WHEREAS, in 1976, Clarinda began honoring its  
3 famous son by hosting an annual music festival  
4 featuring performers from all over the world and the  
5 100th anniversary of Glenn Miller's birthday will be  
6 specially recognized during this year's five-day  
7 festival held June 9-13, 2004; and

8 WHEREAS, membership in Clarinda's Glenn Miller  
9 Birthplace Society has grown to 1,500 members  
10 representing 48 states and 24 nations, indicating the  
11 continuing popularity of the Glenn Miller style of  
12 music; and

13 WHEREAS, music helps bridge differences, as shown  
14 by the example of Tamana Girls High School Band of  
15 Kumamoto, Japan, which made its first appearance at  
16 the festival in 1990, leading to establishment of a  
17 Sister City and Sister School relationship with  
18 Clarinda, a degree of cultural exchange unmatched by  
19 other cities the size of Clarinda; NOW THEREFORE,

20 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the Senate  
21 salutes Glenn Miller's legacy on the occasion of the  
22 100th anniversary of his birthday and joins people  
23 everywhere in recognizing through Glenn Miller's  
24 influence that when music is shared over the  
25 generations and around the world, good things happen.

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