

**SENATE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION No. _____**

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION congratulating Michael Cleveland for winning the 2020 Grammy Award for Best Bluegrass Album.

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1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION congratulating Michael
2 Cleveland for winning the 2020 Grammy Award for Best
3 Bluegrass Album.

4 *Whereas, Michael Cleveland, a fiddler from Charlestown,*
5 *Indiana, won the 2020 Grammy Award for Best Bluegrass*
6 *Album, his first career Grammy Award;*

7 *Whereas, Born in Henryville in 1980, Michael learned to*
8 *play by ear and began fiddling at a young age after hearing a*
9 *fiddler play "Orange Blossom Special";*

10 *Whereas, When he was nine years old, Michael attended the*
11 *Bean Blossom Bluegrass Festival and performed with*
12 *bluegrass founding father Bill Monroe, beginning his young*
13 *music performing career;*

14 *Whereas, Michael's talents were recognized at an early age*
15 *while making appearances on the Grand Ole Opry stage, the*
16 *radio show A Prairie Home Companion, and before the United*
17 *States Congress;*

18 *Whereas, After graduating from the Kentucky School for*
19 *the Blind, Michael began performing professionally, and*
20 *released his first solo album, "Sawing on the C String", in*
21 *1998;*

22 *Whereas, Michael has performed with numerous bluegrass*
23 *and country legends including Bill Monroe, Ralph Stanley,*
24 *Doyle Lawson, Allison Krauss, and Vince Gill;*

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1 *Whereas, Michael is the recipient of numerous awards,*
2 *including being a six-time winner of the International*
3 *Bluegrass Music Association (IBMA) Instrumental Recording*
4 *of the Year Award, a twelve-time winner of the IBMA Fiddle*
5 *Player of the Year Award, and a six-time winner of the IBMA*
6 *Instrumental Group of the Year Award with his band,*
7 *Flamekeeper;*

8 *Whereas, In 2018, Michael was nominated for his first*
9 *Grammy Award for Best Bluegrass Album for his solo album*
10 *"Fiddler's Dream";*

11 *Whereas, Two years later, Michael was again nominated*
12 *for the Grammy Award for Best Bluegrass Album for his album*
13 *"Tall Fiddler", for which Michael earned his first Grammy*
14 *Award; and*

15 *Whereas, Michael Cleveland's fiddle talents have taken him*
16 *all over the world, and he is an exemplary representative of*
17 *southeastern Indiana: Therefore,*

18 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly*
19 *of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives*
20 *concurring:*

21 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly
22 congratulates Michael Cleveland for winning the 2020 Grammy
23 Award for Best Bluegrass Album and wishes him well in his
24 future success.

25 SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed
26 to transmit a copy of this Resolution to Michael Cleveland.

