

By: Flynn

H.R. No. 1246

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, William T. Pound is retiring as executive director  
2 of the National Conference of State Legislatures by August 2019,  
3 concluding a noteworthy career with the organization that has  
4 spanned more than four decades; and

5           WHEREAS, Employed by NCSL since its founding in 1975,  
6 Mr. Pound has been instrumental in the development of many of its  
7 innovative programs and services; he was named executive director  
8 in 1987, and while leading the organization, he has written  
9 extensively on legislatures, the legislative process, and fiscal  
10 and public finance issues; over the years, he has been much in  
11 demand at the national and international levels as a speaker on such  
12 topics as legislatures, public policy, and federalism; and

13           WHEREAS, Mr. Pound has worked tirelessly to expand the reach  
14 of NCSL, which supports and educates state policy makers and their  
15 staffs; with a deep understanding of the critical role of state  
16 legislative institutions, he has guided the development of a  
17 comprehensive approach encompassing annual meetings and training  
18 sessions, research services, and extensive efforts to strengthen  
19 the voice of state legislatures in the federal system; and

20           WHEREAS, A graduate of the University of Denver, Mr. Pound  
21 earned his bachelor's degree in political science; he went on to  
22 complete a U.S. Department of the Interior fellowship with the  
23 Special Program, Water Resources Management, at the University of  
24 Wisconsin; in addition, he taught at his alma mater, as well as at

1 the University of Colorado and Colorado State University; and

2 WHEREAS, William Pound has greatly benefited the legislative  
3 community through his vision, leadership, and steadfast dedication  
4 to the important mission of NCSL, and as he prepares to embark on  
5 the next exciting chapter of his life, he may indeed reflect with  
6 pride on a career well spent; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas  
8 Legislature hereby congratulate William T. Pound on his retirement  
9 as executive director of the National Conference of State  
10 Legislatures and extend to him sincere best wishes for the future;  
11 and, be it further

12 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
13 prepared for Mr. Pound as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
14 House of Representatives.