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RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The 50th anniversary of the National Conference of
2 State Legislatures is taking place in 2025, providing a fitting
3 opportunity to recognize the organization for its outstanding
4 service; and

5 WHEREAS, The National Conference of State Legislatures was
6 formed in 1975 from the merger of three groups that represented the
7 interests of legislators and staff; a bipartisan organization, the
8 conference works to advance the effectiveness, independence, and
9 integrity of state legislatures, to foster interstate
10 communication and cooperation, and to ensure states have a strong,
11 cohesive voice in federal government; and

12 WHEREAS, An instrumental component of American democracy,
13 state legislatures often lead efforts to tackle emerging
14 challenges, and they also provide legislators from diverse
15 backgrounds with a place to work together to address the concerns of
16 their constituents; NCSL has supported state legislatures by
17 facilitating the exchange of ideas, providing critical research and
18 information, and promoting the rigorous review of complex issues;
19 moreover, the organization has helped to bolster the bonds between
20 U.S. states and international communities; and

21 WHEREAS, NCSL has enjoyed strong ties to Texas; from 2006 to
22 2007, its president was State Senator Leticia Van de Putte, and a
23 number of its staff chairs have also originated from the Lone Star
24 State, including Secretaries of the Senate Betty King and Patsy

1 Spaw, as well as Jon Heining, who has served as general counsel for
2 the Texas Legislative Council; in addition, the organization has
3 held three of its annual meetings in San Antonio; and

4 WHEREAS, Over the past half century, the National Conference
5 of State Legislatures has built a reputation as the premier
6 organization focused on serving legislators and legislative staff
7 from across the country, and its leadership and members are indeed
8 worthy of recognition for their exemplary commitment to democratic
9 institutions; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 89th Texas Legislature
11 hereby honor the National Conference of State Legislatures on the
12 occasion of its 50th anniversary and extend to all those affiliated
13 with the organization sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it
14 further

15 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
16 prepared for NCSL as an expression of high regard by the Texas
17 Senate.