

1 A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the National Conference of State
2 Legislatures on its 50th anniversary in 2025.

3 WHEREAS, the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) was founded in
4 1975 and has evolved during the past half century to become the premier organization
5 dedicated solely to serving state and territorial legislators and legislative staff; and

6 WHEREAS, NCSL was created from the merger of three organizations that served
7 or represented state legislatures and that shared the belief that legislative service is one of
8 democracy's worthiest pursuits; and

9 WHEREAS, NCSL is a bipartisan organization with three objectives: to advance
10 the effectiveness, independence, and integrity of state legislatures; to foster interstate
11 communication and cooperation; and to ensure that states have a strong, cohesive voice in
12 the federal system; and

13 WHEREAS, our nation's state legislatures are America's laboratories of democracy
14 and have continually shown that they are the bodies to tackle emerging challenges. State
15 legislatures are where people from very different backgrounds, representing very
16 different communities, can come together and find common ground: and

17 WHEREAS, NCSL has been at the forefront of facilitating the exchange of ideas,
18 providing critical research and information, and encouraging a rigorous review of
19 complex issues confronting our communities, states, and nation, while constantly striving
20 to strengthen the bonds between America's state legislatures and the international
21 community; and

22 WHEREAS, over the course of the last half century, generations of Kentucky's
23 legislators and legislative staff have developed deep connections with NCSL, availing
24 themselves of the organization's annual meeting, policy committees and task forces,
25 professional staff associations, and professional training for legislators, as well as taking
26 leadership roles in all those areas. Those experiences have enriched Kentucky legislators
27 and staff alike, and have benefited our Commonwealth and its citizens in the production

1 of laws and policies that advance their well-being; and

2 WHEREAS, in August of 2024, the Commonwealth of Kentucky will host the
3 NCSL Annual Summit in Louisville, where the NCSL will officially kick off its 50th
4 anniversary celebration. Having previously hosted the summit in 2010, Kentucky's
5 legislators and staff are excited to host upwards of 5,000 guests from across the country
6 and around the world and help them experience firsthand all the beauty our
7 Commonwealth has to offer; and

8 WHEREAS, at the 2024 Annual Summit, LRC Transportation Committee Staff
9 Administrator and current NCSL Staff Vice-Chair John Snyder will be installed as the
10 NCSL Staff Chair in his hometown, following in the footsteps of former LRC employee
11 Chuck Truesdell, who held this position during the 2017-2018 conference year. Mr.
12 Snyder will continue Kentucky's long tradition of providing leadership and expertise to
13 NCSL as it begins its next half century of advancing the interests of state legislatures;

14 NOW, THEREFORE,

15 ***Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of***
16 ***Kentucky:***

17 ➔Section 1. The members of the Senate hereby recognize and commend the
18 National Conference of State Legislatures for its superb leadership and commitment to
19 the legislative institution, commemorate NCSL's upcoming golden anniversary, and wish
20 the organization continued success in the years to come.

21 ➔Section 2. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
22 Resolution to Tim Storey, Chief Executive Officer, National Conference of State
23 Legislatures, 7700 E. First Place, Denver, Colorado 80230.