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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2024

HOUSE RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF STATE
LEGISLATURES ON ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY IN 2025

Introduced By: Representatives Kennedy, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Kazarian,
Chippendale, Abney, Edwards, Azzinaro, Ackerman, and Ajello

Date Introduced: April 02, 2024

Referred To: House read and passed

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

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

8 WHEREAS, Currently, Speaker Pro Tempore Brian Patrick Kennedy serves as the 52nd
9 President of the NCSL, marking the first time in history that a Rhode Island legislator has held
10 such an esteemed high rank within the organization. He has been active with the organization for
11 decades and previously served on the Executive Committee, the NCSL Foundation, and was the
12 former co-chair of the Communications, Financial Services and Interstate Commerce Committee
13 and the NCSL Executive Task Force on Insurance; and

14 WHEREAS, As a bipartisan organization, every state legislator and staffer is a member
15 of NCSL which has three core functions: to advance the effectiveness, independence and integrity
16 of state legislatures; to foster interstate communication and cooperation; and to ensure states a
17 strong, cohesive voice in the federal system; and

18 WHEREAS, NCSL assists in facilitating state legislatures exchange of ideas by providing
19 critical research and information, and encourages a rigorous review of complex issues

1 confronting our communities, states, and nation, and strives to strengthen the bonds between
2 America's state legislatures and the international community; and

3 WHEREAS, NCSL continuously tracks policy across more than 1,400 issue areas in the
4 states and territories, identifies trends and unique policy approaches, and publishes nonpartisan
5 web resources that include policy reports and searchable databases, to name but a few of its
6 invaluable functions; and

7 WHEREAS, Our nation's state legislatures are America's laboratories of democracy and
8 have continually shown that they are the bodies to tackle emerging challenges, with people from
9 very different backgrounds, representing very different communities, coming together to find
10 common ground, and the efforts of NCSL are an invaluable resource in helping to accomplish this
11 goal; now, therefore be it

12 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby
13 recognizes and commends the National Conference of State Legislatures for their superb
14 leadership and commitment to the legislative institution and readily joins with States across our
15 great Nation in celebrating the 50th Anniversary of its founding; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
17 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to the National Conference of State Legislatures.

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