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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2024

SENATE RESOLUTION

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

Introduced By: Senator Dominick J. Ruggerio

Date Introduced: January 10, 2024

Referred To: Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

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

12 WHEREAS, NCSL assists in facilitating state legislatures exchange of ideas by providing
13 critical research and information, and encourages a rigorous review of complex issues
14 confronting our communities, states, and nation, and strives to strengthen the bonds between
15 America's state legislatures and the international community; and

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

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

6 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island hereby recognizes and
7 commends the National Conference of State Legislatures for their superb leadership and
8 commitment to the legislative institution and readily joins with States across our great Nation in
9 celebrating the 50th Anniversary of its founding; and be it further

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

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