## SENATE RESOLUTION

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By Senator C. Wilson

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

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

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

13 WHEREAS, Our nation's state legislatures are America's laboratories of democracy and have continually shown that they are 14 15 the bodies to tackle emerging challenges, and state legislatures are 16 where people from very different backgrounds, representing very 17 different communities, can come together and find common ground, and 18 NCSL has facilitated the exchange of ideas, provided critical 19 research and information, and encouraged a rigorous review of complex issues confronting our communities, states, and nation, and NCSL 20 21 strives to strengthen the bonds between America's state legislatures 22 and the international community;

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Senate of the state of 2 Washington recognize and commend the National Conference of State 3 Legislatures for their superb leadership and their commitment to the 4 legislative institution; and

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate of the 6 state of Washington is authorized and directed to transmit an 7 appropriate copy of this resolution to the National Conference of 8 State Legislatures.

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