

Assembly Resolution No. 728

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RECOGNIZING and commending the National Conference of State Legislatures on its 50th anniversary in 2025

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, New York State Assemblymember John T. McDonald III serves as a member of the NCSL Executive Committee and Assemblymember Michaelle C. Solages previously served as a member of the Executive Committee; furthermore, other members of this chamber contribute to NCSL with their expertise and knowledge, and the partnership of NCSL and New York State continues to strengthen; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to recognize and commend the National Conference of State Legislatures for their superb leadership and their commitment to the legislative institution; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the National Conference of State Legislatures.