

**BY:** Senator PERSAUD

**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.