



2024 South Dakota Legislature

Senate Commemoration 801

Introduced by: **Senators** Schoenbeck, Crabtree, Hunhoff, Johnson, Reed, Rohl, and Stalzer and **Representatives** Drury, Blare, Deutsch, Duba, Fitzgerald, Moore, Mortenson, and Perry

1 **A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION, Recognizing and commending the National**
 2 **Conference of State Legislatures on its fiftieth anniversary in 2025.**

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

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

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

13 WHEREAS, our nation's state legislatures are America's laboratories of democracy and
 14 have continually shown that they are bodies to tackle emerging challenges; and

15 WHEREAS, state legislatures are where people from very different backgrounds,
 16 representing very different communities, can come together and find common ground; and

17 WHEREAS, NCSL has facilitated the exchange of ideas, provided critical research and
 18 information, and encouraged a rigorous review of complex issues confronting our
 19 communities, states, and nation; and

20 WHEREAS, NCSL strives to strengthen the bonds between America's state legislatures and
 21 the international community:

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the Ninety-Ninth Legislature of the State
 23 of South Dakota, that the National Conference of State Legislatures is recognized and

- 1 commended for its superb leadership and commitment to the legislative institution. The
- 2 Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this
- 3 resolution to the National Conference of State Legislatures.