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1 A concurrent resolution recognizing and commending the National Conference of State  
2 Legislatures on its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2025.

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

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

9 **WHEREAS**, the National Conference of State Legislatures is a bipartisan organization with  
10 several objectives, including advancing the effectiveness, independence, and integrity of state  
11 legislatures; fostering interstate communication and cooperation; and ensuring for states a  
12 strong, cohesive voice in the federal system; and

13 **WHEREAS**, our nation's state legislatures are America's laboratories of democracy that  
14 continuously tackle emerging challenges; and

15 **WHEREAS**, state legislatures are places where individuals from varying backgrounds,  
16 representing different communities, come together and find common ground; and

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

20 **WHEREAS**, the National Conference of State Legislatures strives to strengthen the bonds  
21 between America's state legislatures and the international community;

22 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF NORTH DAKOTA, THE**  
23 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:**

Sixty-ninth  
Legislative Assembly

- 1 That the Sixty-ninth Legislative Assembly recognizes and commends the National
- 2 Conference of State Legislatures for its superb leadership and its commitment to the legislative
- 3 institution; and
- 4 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State forward a copy of this resolution
- 5 to the Chief Executive Officer of the National Conference of State Legislatures.