

Senate Resolution 576

By: Senators Kennedy of the 18th, Gooch of the 51st, Robertson of the 29th, Anavitarte of the 31st and Albers of the 56th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the National Conference of State Legislatures on its 50th
2 anniversary in 2025; and for other purposes.

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

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

13 WHEREAS, our nation's state legislatures are America's laboratories of democracy and have
14 continually shown that they are the 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, the National Conference of State Legislatures has facilitated the exchange of
18 ideas, provided critical research and information, and encouraged a rigorous review of
19 complex issues confronting our communities, states, and nation, and the National Conference
20 of State Legislatures strives to strengthen the bonds between America's state legislatures and
21 the international community.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
23 recognize and commend the National Conference of State Legislatures for its superb
24 leadership and its commitment to the legislative institution.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
26 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the National
27 Conference of State Legislatures.