

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 127

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A RESOLUTION

To commend Senator Dan "Blade" Morrish upon being elected president of the National Council of Insurance Legislators for 2019.

WHEREAS, Senator Morrish has been elected to lead the National Council of Insurance Legislators (NCOIL), a national legislative organization with all fifty states as members; and

WHEREAS, Senator Morrish's term began at the conclusion of the 2018 annual meeting in December 2018, and will conclude at the end of the 2019 annual meeting in December of this year; and

WHEREAS, at the 2018 summer meeting Senator Morrish was elected to complete the vice presidential term of the member from Vermont, who resigned mid-term; and

WHEREAS, setting an ambitious agenda for his term as president of NCOIL, Senator Morrish's goals include: expanding the NCOIL educational offerings to include legislative staff, highlighting NCOIL's activities around the country to insurance-related organizations, ensuring NCOIL's continuing work to educate legislators on emerging and longstanding insurance issues and service as the only insurance legislative organization that details model legislation in a timely fashion, in order that these model laws can be considered in state legislatures; and

WHEREAS, Senator Morrish stated that he plans, "To share the good work NCOIL does to move positive insurance public policy forward, serve as a forum for emerging ideas and work with insurance regulators and our federal counterparts to ensure solid, state-based regulation of insurance"; and

WHEREAS, Senator Morrish is held in high esteem by his peers in NCOIL, with immediate past president Jason Rapert stating that, "He (Morrish) will be a great asset for the organization"; and

WHEREAS, Kentucky Representative, Steve Riggs, nominating committee chair and former NCOIL president, said of Senator Morrish, "There is no one more prepared for the role as NCOIL president"; and

WHEREAS, Senator Morrish is currently in his third term as a Louisiana state senator and at the senate he is chair of the education committee and has served on numerous other committees, including insurance and environmental quality; and

WHEREAS, Senator Dan "Blade" Morrish has taken the reins as president of the National Council of Insurance Legislators as the organization celebrates fifty years of shaping public policy and will lend his considerable experience at the Louisiana Legislature and within NCOIL, as well, to leading an organization with a mission to ensure that the insurance industry remains state-regulated, and to continue to affect good public policy, especially through the writing of model laws.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Senator Dan "Blade" Morrish upon being elected president of the National Council of Insurance Legislators for 2019.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Senator Morrish.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE