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Senate Resolution No. 1609

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.