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House of Representatives  
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## **HCR 2026**

Introduced by  
Representative Toma

### A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF STATE LEGISLATURES  
ON ITS FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY IN 2025.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

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

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

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

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

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

18           Whereas, for nearly fifty years, NCSL has facilitated the exchange  
19 of ideas, provided critical research and information and encouraged a  
20 rigorous review of complex issues confronting our communities, states and  
21 nation, and NCSL strives to strengthen the bonds between America's state  
22 legislatures and the international community.

23 Therefore

24 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Arizona,  
25 the Senate concurring:

26           That the Members of the Legislature recognize the National  
27 Conference of State Legislatures for nearly fifty years of superb  
28 leadership and service and commend its many dedicated employees over the  
29 years for their commitment to the legislative institution.