

# State of Wisconsin



2019 Senate Joint Resolution 41

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## ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION

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**Relating to:** the public service of William T. Pound.

Whereas, the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) was founded in 1975 as a nationwide organization to serve the interests of the legislatures of the 50 states; and

Whereas, members and staff of the Wisconsin Legislature were instrumental in leading efforts to establish NCSL in 1975; and

Whereas, William T. Pound has served NCSL since its beginning, and in September 1987 became the executive director, a position he has held for 32 years; and

Whereas, Bill Pound's ties to the state of Wisconsin began in 1968 when he completed a program in water resources management at the University of Wisconsin; and

Whereas, under Bill Pound's leadership, guidance, and vision, all 50 states have benefited from NCSL's educational programs, seminars, training sessions, research, publications, regional and national conferences, and influence on matters of importance to state legislatures at our nation's capitol; and

Whereas, Bill Pound firmly believes that NCSL's strength is in the diversity of its executive and standing committees and has insisted that seats on those committees be filled by both legislators and legislative staff; and

Whereas, Bill Pound is universally recognized as the preeminent authority on legislative organization, process, and responsibility; and

Whereas, Bill Pound's knowledge and influence have spread around the globe, and governments worldwide have come to recognize his expertise and seek his counsel; and

Whereas, because of their respect for Bill Pound and their dedication to the mission of NCSL, many Wisconsin legislators and staff have sought, and held, positions of leadership in the organization; and

Whereas, the Wisconsin Legislature has benefited from its long-standing partnership with NCSL and is grateful for all that the organization has accomplished under Bill Pound's incredible tenure as its executive director; now, therefore, be it

***Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That*** the Wisconsin Legislature extends its respect, admiration, and gratitude to William T. Pound for his inspired leadership of the National Conference of State Legislatures and wishes him the very best in his retirement.

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Representative Robin J. Vos  
Speaker of the Assembly

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Senator Roger Roth  
President of the Senate

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Date

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Jeffrey Renk  
Senate Chief Clerk