



State of Wisconsin
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2019 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 41

May 29, 2019 - Introduced by Senator **RISSER**, cosponsored by Representative **VOS**.
Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

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

2 Whereas, the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) was founded
3 in 1975 as a nationwide organization to serve the interests of the legislatures of the
4 50 states; and

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

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

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

13 Whereas, under Bill Pound's leadership, guidance, and vision, all 50 states
14 have benefited from NCSL's educational programs, seminars, training sessions,

1 research, publications, regional and national conferences, and influence on matters
2 of importance to state legislatures at our nation's capitol; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

22 (END)