

**As Introduced**

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**H. C. R. No. 45**

**Representatives Brewer, Upchurch**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Brennan, Brownlee, Synenberg, Lett, Tims, Thomas, C.**

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**A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

Recognizing the National Black Caucus of State Legislators on the occasion of its 50th Anniversary. 1  
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**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF OHIO (THE SENATE CONCURRING):**

WHEREAS, The National Black Caucus of State Legislators (NBCSL) is celebrating its 50th Anniversary, marking five decades of service, leadership, and policy innovation on behalf of African American communities across the United States; and 3  
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WHEREAS, NBCSL is a bipartisan membership organization representing more than 700 African American state legislators nationwide, collectively amplifying the voices of over 50 million African Americans; and 7  
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WHEREAS, Since its founding in 1977, NBCSL has served as a national network and clearinghouse for the exchange of ideas, research, and best practices among African American state legislators and their staff, strengthening their ability to craft effective public policy; and 11  
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WHEREAS, NBCSL has advanced its mission through high-quality research, training, and educational initiatives that support legislators in making informed decisions on issues affecting African Americans and other underserved communities; 16  
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WHEREAS, NBCSL has been a leading national advocate on 21  
matters of equity, economic opportunity, health, education, 22  
criminal justice reform, and community well-being, and continues 23  
to champion collaborative, bipartisan solutions to the most 24  
pressing challenges facing states; and 25

WHEREAS, The organization's work in developing resolutions 26  
and model legislation has empowered state legislators—including 27  
members of the Ohio General Assembly—to introduce and advance 28  
policies that improve outcomes for families, strengthen 29  
communities, and expand opportunity; and 30

WHEREAS, NBCSL's 50-year legacy reflects a sustained 31  
commitment to public service, leadership development, and the 32  
advancement of policies that uplift historically marginalized 33  
communities; and 34

WHEREAS, The Ohio General Assembly recognizes the 35  
invaluable contributions of NBCSL to state legislatures across 36  
the nation and celebrates the organization's continued 37  
partnership with Ohio lawmakers; now therefore be it 38

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the 136th General 39  
Assembly of the State of Ohio, in adopting this resolution, 40  
congratulate the National Black Caucus of State Legislators on 41  
its 50th Anniversary and commend its decades of leadership, 42  
advocacy, and service; and be it further 43

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives 44  
transmit duly authenticated copies of this resolution to the 45  
National Black Caucus of State Legislators as a symbol of our 46  
esteem and recognition, and to the news media of Ohio. 47