IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 17

BY WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

STATING FINDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE, RECOGNIZING, HONORING, AND COMMENDING
 ERIC MILSTEAD FOR HIS YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE IDAHO LEGISLATURE, FOR
 HIS POSITIVE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE IDAHO LEGISLATURE, THE NONPARTISAN
 LEGISLATIVE SERVICES OFFICE, AND THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, AND
 WISHING HIM WELL IN HIS RETIREMENT.

7 Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

8 WHEREAS, Eric Milstead has served as the Director of the Legislative
9 Services Office since October 1, 2014; and

10 WHEREAS, Eric Milstead obtained a bachelor's degree in history from Ok-11 lahoma State University and a law degree from the University of Kansas. Af-12 ter practicing law and clerking for a court of appeals in Kansas, he worked as 13 a fiscal analyst for the Kansas Legislature for four years; and

14 WHEREAS, in February 1998, Eric accepted a position as a performance 15 evaluator with the Idaho Office of Performance Evaluations. As team lead, 16 he received an Impact Award from the National Legislative Program Evaluation 17 Society for a performance evaluation published in 2001; and

WHEREAS, in October 2001, he joined the Budget and Policy Division of 18 the Legislative Services Office as a budget and policy analyst, responsible 19 for working on the budgets of the Transportation Department, Public Utili-20 ties Commission, Department of Labor, Industrial Commission, Human Rights 21 Commission, State Lottery, Division of Building Safety, Board of Examiners, 22 and more. Eric was heavily involved with the Capitol Restoration Task Force 23 and also assisted with the Capitol Advisory Committee on Space Allocation 24 and Design and the Advisory Committee on Relocation in 2005 and 2006; and 25

WHEREAS, in May 2007, Eric became a research analyst with the Research 26 and Legislation Division of the Legislative Services Office, where he re-27 searched, reviewed administrative agency rules, and drafted legislation in 28 the areas of transportation, education, taxation, and building services, 29 to name but a few. Eric also staffed legislative interim study committees 30 such as the K-12 Educational System Interim Committee, Health Care Task 31 Force, Mental Health Subcommittee, Health Insurance Issues Related to Pub-32 lic Schools Subcommittee, Property Tax Interim Committee, Tax Exemptions 33 Interim Committee, ATV Task Force, and Right-of-Way Task Force; and 34

35 WHEREAS, Eric attended the Legislative Staff Management Institute in
 36 August 2012 and was promoted to Deputy Division Manager of the Research and
 37 Legislation Division in April 2013; and

38 WHEREAS, Eric was appointed by a unanimous vote of the Legislative Coun-39 cil to be the Director of the Legislative Services Office in October 2014 40 and was the first Idaho Legislative Services Office Director to have such a 41 breadth of background to inform his work because of his service in multiple 42 legislative divisions and offices; and 1 WHEREAS, the Idaho Legislature has greatly benefited from Eric Mil-2 stead's keen mind, his analytical and organizational skills, the rock-solid 3 work ethic he exemplifies to all his employees, and his dignity, grace, and 4 calm demeanor even in stressful situations; and

5 WHEREAS, over the course of his career and as Director of LSO, Eric Mil-6 stead has demonstrated his devotion to the institution of Idaho's nonparti-7 san Legislative Services Office and the value it provides to the Idaho Legis-8 lature and all its members; and

9 WHEREAS, Eric's devotion to the Idaho Legislature and to the well-being of Legislative Services Office employees is such that he deferred his retirement plans in 2020 when the COVID-19 pandemic threw everything into upheaval; and

13 WHEREAS, Eric will be taking his well-deserved retirement in July 2021.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the First Regular Session of the Sixty-sixth Idaho Legislature, the House of Representatives and the Senate concurring therein, that we recognize, honor, and commend Eric Milstead for his positive contributions and his years of service to the Idaho Legislature, to the nonpartisan Legislative Services Office, and to the people of the State of Idaho and wish him well in his retirement.