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State Senator David Senjem receives CGMC Legislator of Distinction Award

ST. PAUL—State Sen. David Senjem was recognized by the Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities (CGMC) Aug. 3 during the Coalition’s three-day summer conference in Fergus Falls for his positive impact on economic development in Greater Minnesota.

Sen. Senjem, a Republican from Rochester, is serving his fifth term in the Minnesota Senate. The Legislator of Distinction Award is given to legislators who played key roles in advancing CGMC’s policy during the preceding session.

As chair of the Senate Capital Investment Committee, Sen. Senjem was a key player in crafting a strong bonding bill that funds much-needed infrastructure projects in Greater Minnesota and throughout the state. After the Legislature failed to pass a bonding bill in 2016, Sen. Senjem made it clear that bonding would be a top legislative priority in 2017 by coming out early in the session with a strong capital investment plan. The final bonding bill includes funding for several critical needs for Greater Minnesota communities, including wastewater infrastructure grant and loan programs, transportation infrastructure and the Greater Minnesota Business Development Public Infrastructure (BDPI) Grant Program.

“With a growing list of infrastructure needs across the state, it was absolutely vital that the Legislature buckle down and pass a bonding bill this year,” said Sara Carlson, mayor of Alexandria and president of the CGMC. “Sen. Senjem was a leader in this fight. He worked hard to create and pass a strong bill that will help communities across Minnesota grow and thrive.”

CGMC is a nonprofit, nonpartisan advocacy organization representing 90 cities outside of the Twin Cities metropolitan area. The Coalition educates legislators about issues important to Greater Minnesota.

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