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## **Jack Zaleski Receives 'Friend of the CGMC' Award**

ST. PAUL— Former Forum Editorial Page Editor Jack Zaleski received the “Friend of the CGMC” Award from the Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities (CGMC) Aug. 3 during the Coalition’s three-day summer conference in Fergus Falls. The Friend of the CGMC Award recognizes individuals and organizations that have helped advance the interests of Greater Minnesota.

Zaleski retired in 2017 after 30 years of writing editorials for the Fargo-Moorhead Forum. During his long and illustrious career, he wrote hundreds of editorials that brought much-needed attention to concerns facing Greater Minnesota communities. In his writing, he often took an active interest in CGMC priorities, particularly Local Government Aid. His oftentimes blistering editorials had a strong impact on shaping public perception and legislative action.

“Readers were treated to Jack’s wise and insightful writing for more than three decades,” said Sara Carlson, mayor of Alexandria and president of the CGMC. “His consistent support for LGA — and his willingness to roundly criticize legislators who tried to mess with it — helped bolster the program and surely influenced lawmakers who wanted to avoid his wrath. While Jack didn’t necessarily support all of the CGMC’s priorities, you could always count on his editorials to be well-informed and truthful.”

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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