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State Rep. Paul Marquart receives CGMC Legislator of Distinction Award

ST. PAUL—State Rep. Paul Marquart was recognized by the Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities (CGMC) July 25 during the Coalition’s three-day summer conference in Bemidji for his positive impact on the state’s tax policy.

Rep. Marquart, a Democrat from Dilworth, is serving his tenth term in the Minnesota House. The Legislator of Distinction Award is given to legislators who played key roles in advancing CGMC’s policy during the preceding legislative session.

As chair of the House Taxes Committee, Rep. Marquart played a pivotal role in securing a \$30 million increase in Local Government Aid (LGA) through the 2019 tax bill. A former mayor with a keen understanding of local government concerns, he has long been one of the most vocal supporters of LGA in the Legislature. As soon as he was appointed committee chair earlier this year, Rep. Marquart quickly made bringing program funding back up to its 2002 level one of his top priorities. He continued to champion LGA through conference committee negotiations and the special session until final passage of the tax bill.

“Rep. Marquart is an LGA all-star,” said Ron Johnson, a member of the Bemidji City Council and president of the CGMC. “Throughout his 10 terms in the House, he has consistently shown strong support for LGA and Greater Minnesota communities. His leadership is a key reason we were finally able to achieve our long-held goal of bringing LGA funding back up to its 2002 level.”

CGMC is a nonprofit, nonpartisan advocacy organization representing 97 cities outside of the Twin Cities metropolitan area. The Coalition educates legislators about issues important to Greater Minnesota.

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