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State Rep. Mary Murphy receives CGMC Legislator of Distinction Award

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

Rep. Murphy, a Democrat from Hermantown, is serving her twenty-second 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 Capital Investment Committee, Rep. Murphy unveiled an ambitious \$1.5 million bonding bill that addressed many critical needs for Greater Minnesota. In particular, her bill included significant funding for two of the CGMC’s top priorities: child care facilities grants and Public Facilities Authority (PFA) clean water infrastructure grant and loan programs. In addition, she was instrumental in helping to reach an agreement to unlock \$58 million for critical water infrastructure projects that, despite being included in the 2018 bonding bill, had been blocked at the start of the session by a lawsuit over the way the bonds were funded.

“As the longest-serving Greater Minnesota representative in the House, Rep. Murphy brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the Legislature,” said Ron Johnson, a member of the Bemidji City Council and president of the CGMC. “We are fortunate to have a strong leader like Rep. Murphy fighting to help meet the tremendous infrastructure needs that communities all across the state are facing.”

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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