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Former New Ulm Mayor Bob Beussman receives Jack Murray Award from CGMC

ST. PAUL—Former New Ulm Mayor Bob Beussman has been honored by the Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities (CGMC) with the Jack Murray Award for his excellence in service to Greater Minnesota.

The Jack Murray Award is given to city officials who demonstrate knowledge, leadership, and active participation in CGMC program areas over their public service career. The award is named for Jack Murray, former mayor of International Falls, who was instrumental in the CGMC's formation.

Beussman, who resigned from his position earlier this year, served as mayor of New Ulm for 11 years. Throughout his tenure, Beussman was actively engaged in the CGMC and was a regular presence at the organization's conferences, "day at the Capitol" lobby days and other events. He was a staunch supporter of the CGMC's transportation initiatives and was instrumental in advocating for the creation of Corridors of Commerce, a highway funding program established by the Legislature in 2013. In addition to his involvement with the CGMC, he previously served as president of the Highway 14 Partnership and played a key role in that organization's successful efforts to obtain state funding to expand the highway from two lanes to four lanes from Rochester to New Ulm.

"Mayor Beussman was a fearless advocate for his city and other cities across Greater Minnesota," said Greg Zylka, mayor of Little Falls and president of the CGMC. "Never one to stay say silent, he worked hard to bring attention to his region's transportation needs by writing columns, participating in radio and TV interviews, and regularly meeting with legislators. Southern Minnesota's highways and roads are safer today thanks to his relentless advocacy."

CGMC is a nonprofit, nonpartisan advocacy organization representing more than 100 cities outside of the Twin Cities metropolitan area. The Coalition educates legislators about issues important to Greater Minnesota.

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