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## **Wisconsin Legislature Recognized for Democracy Education: Legislative Leaders Applaud Selection for NCSL 2016 Kevin B. Harrington Award**

[Madison, WI] Wisconsin Senate Leaders Scott Fitzgerald and Jennifer Shilling today applauded the announcement that the Wisconsin Legislature has been named the recipient of the 2016 Kevin B. Harrington Award for Excellence in Democracy Education.

The award, presented this week at the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) Summit in Chicago, is a national honor awarded to an individual or organization for the advancement of public understanding of state or local level representative democracy.

Senator Scott Fitzgerald praised Wisconsin's selection for this year's award:

“Receiving this award is a great honor for Wisconsin. Our selection from a national pool of nominees demonstrates all of the great work that the Wisconsin legislature and supporting agencies do to inform and engage the public in the everyday process of lawmaking.”

Senator Jennifer Shilling added:

“Increasing public understanding of the State Legislature shouldn't just happen in civics classrooms. I applaud all the legislative employees who work tirelessly to ensure that students and the general public are informed about the workings of their state government. This award is a testament to their dedication and commitment to continuing Wisconsin's long, proud history of civic engagement.”

According to the NCSL Website, “The award is given each year to the individual or organization that best informs students and the general public of the value and strength of our form of government.” This outreach includes promoting civic engagement and education through legislative activities, encouraging internships and fellowships in state and local government, and developing educational materials or curricula on the role of state and local legislatures.

An in-state presentation of the award will take place when the legislature returns in regular session. Additional information about the award can be found at: <http://www.ncsl.org/legislators-staff/legislators/trust-for-representative-democracy/kevin-b-harrington-award.aspx>

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