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Rep. Spreitzer awarded multiple leadership fellowships

BELOIT- Wisconsin State Representative Mark Spreitzer (D-Beloit) has been awarded two prestigious leadership training fellowships. Rep. Spreitzer was awarded a fellowship to both The Bowhay Institute for Legislative Leadership Development (BILLD) and a fellowship to the State Legislative Leaders Foundation Emerging Leaders Program. Rep. Spreitzer plans to attend both programs in the summer of 2017.

"I am honored to have been one of the few chosen for these distinguished programs and to represent Wisconsin," Rep. Spreitzer said. "I look forward to taking advantage of this fantastic opportunity to learn how to better advocate for my constituents in the 45th District."

Each year, 37 Midwestern lawmakers in the their first four years of legislative service are selected for BILLD, a five day intensive leadership and professional development program. In addition to courses designed to develop leadership skills, the program analyzes a variety of public policy issues, focusing especially on issues affecting the regional economy. Legislators from Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota and Wisconsin are chosen in a competitive, nonpartisan process. BILLD is part of the Council of State Government in cooperation with The Center for the Study of Politics and Governance at the University of Minnesota's Humphrey School of Public Affairs.

The State Legislative Leaders Foundation Emerging Leaders Program is designed specifically for young state legislative leaders. 50 state legislators are selected from across the nation. The program is held every July at the University of Virginia, in partnership with the distinguished Darden School of Business. Participants in SLLF are selected on recommendations of the current leadership in each state legislature. Every House Speaker, Senate President, and House and Senate Minority Leader is invited to nominate first-or second-term legislators to apply to this program.

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