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Representative Mike Lefor named 2021 City Champion

Representative Mike Lefor was named 2021 City Champion by the North Dakota League of Cities (League) during the League's 2021 Annual Conference in September.

Representative Mike Lefor, District 37, was first elected to the ND House of Representatives in 2014. He is the chair of the Industry, Business and Labor Committee and serves on the Energy and Natural Resources Committee. During this interim, he serves as chair of the Retirement Committee which is tasked with making substantial changes to the ND Public Employees Retirement System pension plan.

Representative Lefor also has a wealth of local government experience. He served for eight years on the Dickinson Park Board, a year on the Dickinson City Commission and chaired the Dickinson Planning and Zoning Commission for ten years.

During the 2021 Legislative Session, Representative Lefor brought forth a bill dubbed the "streams" bill that advocated using Legacy Fund earnings in a variety of ways. The bill reached the end of the Legislative Session with the sinking and interest fund for bond payments, additional highway tax distribution funds, tax relief, clean sustainable energy, university research, loan funds to support technology advancement and funds for workforce enrichment.

As this bill went through the legislative process, Representative Lefor was always available to discuss changes, determine how political subdivisions might be affected and listen to new ideas. Because of his business background, he understands the importance of the state supporting, but not getting in the way of, political subdivisions. He understands the best government is local government.

As chair of the interim Retirement Committee, he stated a number of times during the first hearing that all affected parties would have a place at the table and be involved in the process. He understands the challenge of the committee's task and the value of local input.

As a businessperson he looks to the future through that business lens and understands that strong cities make for a strong state.

The North Dakota League of Cities provides service, advocacy, leadership, education and support to the state's 357 cities. The League's mission - "Strong. Dynamic. Cities" - expresses the value of services offered by the League.

Photo L to R: Diane Affeldt, NDLC Board President; Senate Majority Leader Rich Wardner; Sherryl Lefor; Representative Mike Lefor; and NDLC Executive Director Blake Crosby

