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Sen. Coleman selected for important program

JEFFERSON CITY – Senator Maida Coleman (D-St. Louis) is one of 40 emerging state leaders from across the nation selected for the prestigious Toll Fellowship Program sponsored by The Council of State Governments, July 8-13, in Lexington, Ky. The Missouri Senate Minority Floor Leader is excited at the prospect.

"This year's dynamic program focuses on trends analysis, policy development, crisis management and leadership and institutional changes," she said. "I look forward to bringing some fresh ideas back to Missouri."

The annual week-long seminar, named in honor of Henry Toll, a Colorado senator who founded CSG in 1933, seeks to develop the next generation of leaders from all three branches of state government. The experience gives these leaders perspectives they would not ordinarily obtain during the course of their regular governmental service.

Sen. Coleman was selected from many outstanding applicants by a committee of state elected and appointed officials as one of the most promising leaders of state government. Past Toll Fellowship graduates include governors, US Senators and members of Congress, as well as leaders in state government.

The Council of State Governments is the premier multibranch organization forecasting policy trends for the community of states, commonwealths and territories on a national and regional basis. CSG alerts state elected and appointed officials to emerging social, economic, and political trends; offers innovative state policy responses to rapidly changing conditions; and advocates multistate problem-solving to maximize resources and competitiveness. CSG promotes excellence in decision-making and leadership skills and champions state sovereignty.

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