

Will leave office after 22 years, thanks family and staff.

MADISON – Sen. Mark Miller announced Tuesday that he will not run for re-election in November. Sen. Miller served in the state legislature 22 years, beginning in 1999 in the Wisconsin Assembly and in the Wisconsin State Senate since 2005.

"I will miss this place," said Miller. "I will miss being a voice for clean water, for better education for children and adults, for expanded health care, for improved economic security, and for responsible governance, but I feel it is time for someone new to do this job."

Miller served in a number of leadership positions including both minority and majority leader, Finance Co-chair, and Chair of the Democratic Caucus. He was Minority Leader in 2011 when Senate Democrats debarked to Illinois to slow down anti-union legislation now known as 2011 Act 10.

"I am very fortunate to have been served by incredibly talented staff in my office for 22 years," said Miller. "I have also enjoyed the loving support of my immediate and extended family. Good staff and family support made it possible for me to serve as well as I have."

Miller's most proud of his effort to enhance responsible governance in legislative bodies. He is a trained facilitator in the Next Generation project that aims to guide legislatures in developing practices to enhance a legislative culture of trust and responsibility. "Being an elected official is an awesome responsibility," said Miller. "As elected officials and as voters we need to do our utmost to make democracy work."