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REP. HOLBERG WILL NOT SEEK ANOTHER TERM TO MINNESOTA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

ST. PAUL – State Representative Mary Liz Holberg (R-Lakeville) has announced that the 2014 Legislative Session will be her last, as she will not seek re-election as state representative for District 58A, which includes most of the city of Lakeville.

“It has been a privilege to represent the community I grew up in, but the time is right for someone else represent this great district,” Holberg said. “This is not a job that fosters balance in life, and I’m ready to try other things. I believe strongly in public involvement and volunteering, and I will continue looking for opportunities to serve our community in the future.”

First elected in 1998, Holberg is recognized as a fiscal conservative and as the Legislature’s leading advocate for an individual’s right to privacy, as she has authored numerous bills and laws that limit government’s involvement in the lives of Minnesotans.

Some of her top accomplishments include presiding over a state budget with the lowest spending increase in Minnesota’s history. She was also the chief-author of the Woman’s Right to Know Act. In the first year following enactment of this law, abortions were reduced by 14 percent.

DFL Speaker of the Minnesota House Paul Thissen said this about Rep. Holberg on Twitter: “Mary Liz Holberg a key pillar of Minnesota House - more interested in governing than politics.”

“Since election night in 1998 when both Jesse Ventura and I won our first state elections, I have been humbled and honored to serve the people of Minnesota,” Holberg said. “The Minnesota House of Representatives is full of outstanding legislators and staff who are truly dedicated to making our state a great place to live and work. It has been a true privilege to work with people from across the state and political aisle to enact policies to address the many challenges we face.”

Holberg said she made the announcement now so there would be ample time for others who would like to serve to prepare for the election process.

"There are many people in Lakeville who care deeply about our community, and I strongly encourage them to consider running to be our next state representative," Holberg said.

Representative Holberg will continue to serve the Lakeville area until a new representative is seated in the Minnesota House at the start of the 2015 Legislative Session.