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Gale honors Omaha World-Herald for mayoral recall coverage

LINCOLN – Nebraska Secretary of State John Gale has honored the Omaha World-Herald for its comprehensive and balanced coverage of the recall attempt against Omaha Mayor Jim Suttle.

The World-Herald is the recipient of the Secretary of State's Civics Recognition Award, which is presented to individuals, groups or institutions in recognition of exemplary service in the areas of civics education, the election process or citizenship.

"The World-Herald performed a great public service over a period of months by its extensive coverage, its objective reporting, its fairness in allowing differing views on the editorial page and its strong encouragement of voter turnout," Gale said.

Suttle narrowly prevailed in a Jan. 25 recall election.

"The Omaha World-Herald has a long history of covering and promoting citizen involvement in all matters of public policy," said Terry Kroeger, president and publisher of the Omaha World-Herald.

"The mayor's campaign and recall election was another significant event in Omaha history, and we gave the citizens of Omaha the information they needed to make an educated decision," he added.

"The newspaper's efforts significantly helped to educate voters and enhance voter awareness regarding the recall effort to the lasting benefit of our representative democracy," Gale stated.

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