

Sen. Rose Named As 'Outstanding State Legislator'

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State Sen. Michael T. Rose recently received a national award for his work in the South Carolina Legislature.

Rose, a Dorchester County Republican, was named "Outstanding State Legislator" by the American Legislative Exchange Council at its 17th Annual meeting in Boston.

"They just called me one day and said that I'd been picked," Rose said recently. He went to Boston last month to receive the award.

"I was surprised and also delighted," he said. "I'm honored. I'm told it's the first time any freshman legislator has been given this award."

"I'm happy to be recognized as having been productive during my first two years in the Legislature. I just jumped in and tried to do a good job and add value to it. I hope to accomplish more now that I've learned more about how the process operates. There's a tremendous room for improvement in our state."

Rose was selected for the award because of his performance and personal commitment to advancing the conservative pro-family, pro-freedom agenda that ALEC represents, according to an ALEC press release. Rose presently serves as ALEC'S

South Carolina co-chairman with state Sen. Joe Wilson, R-Lexington.

A graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy and the Harvard Business School, Rose is married to the former Vivian Osborn. He is a frequent guest lecturer at colleges and universities and has appeared on numerous television programs. He is licensed to practice law in five states and is a major in the U.S. Air Force Reserves.

A bi-partisan public policy educational institution, ALEC provides its legislative members with ideas, research, legislative analysis, model state legislation, and a variety of forums, services and communication opportunities.

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