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New post for Miller

Senate President Thomas V. Mike Miller Jr. is moving further into the national political spotlight.

The state's longest-serving Senate president recently was elected vice chairman of the Southern Legislative Conference of the Council of State Governments at the group's annual meeting in Kansas City, Mo.

Mr. Miller, D-Prince George's, is expected to rise in the Southern Legislative Conference to chairman-elect next year and chairman in 2001.

"I am truly honored to be selected by my peers to guide the Southern Legislative Conference over the next several years," he said.

The Southern Legislative Conference was established in 1947 as the southern regional component of the Council of State Governments to encourage intergovernmental cooperation among 16 southern states. The Council of State Governments is a multi-branch organization of the states and U.S. territories founded to promote excellence in state government.

Mr. Miller, who was first elected to the General Assembly in 1970, has served as Senate president since 1987. He is a former chairman of the national Senate Presidents' Forum.