

Stubbs Celebrates Approval for Vel Phillips Statue

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State Capitol and Executive Residence Board votes to approve and move forward with the construction of Capitol statue for civil rights pioneer Velvalea “Vel” Hortense Rodgers Phillips.

MADISON, WI – On Friday April 12, 2024, the State Capitol and Executive Residence Board reconvened to discuss the planned Capitol Statue of civil rights pioneer Velvalea “Vel” Hortense Rodgers Phillips. Representative Shelia Stubbs (D-Madison) is a member of the Vel Phillips Statue Task Force which spearheaded this effort.

After the meeting, Representative Shelia Stubbs (D-Madison) released the following statement:

“Vel Phillips is more than just a name in our history books. As the first African American woman to graduate from the UW-Madison Law School, the first African American and first woman elected to the Milwaukee Common Council, and the first African American judge in Wisconsin, Vel's legacy is one of 'firsts'. Also, as the first African American woman Secretary of State of Wisconsin. Warren “Dale” Phillips and his wife Vel became the first husband-and-wife legal team admitted to the federal bar in Wisconsin. Mrs. Phillips was a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. As a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., she was my sorority sister, it was my honor to serve as a member of the Vel Phillips Taskforce and to see this statue come into fruition.

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