Resolution of Commemoration for Vel Phillips

1 WHEREAS, Vel Phillips was a civil rights leader, statesmen, and lawyer from the city of Milwaukee.

2 WHEREAS, Mrs. Phillips was the first black woman to graduate from the University of Wisconsin-Madison Law school.

3 WHEREAS, Mrs. Phillips was elected to the position of secretary of state, serving as the first ever black woman in this position.

4 WHEREAS, Mrs. Phillips served as a lecturer at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, after having served as the first female judge in Milwaukee county history and first African American judge in Wisconsin.

5 WHEREAS, Mrs. Phillips lived a tremendous life that touched the lives of not just Milwaukeeans but also Wisconsinites in every corner of the state.

6 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED; that the Senate shall commemorate Vel Phillips and celebrate the impact that she had, and continues to have, on the lives of Milwaukeeans.

7 THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; that the Student Association Senate commits to not only remember Vel Phillip but sets out to represent the Student body with her and others in mind.

8 THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED; the Senate commits to commemorating Milwaukee’s heroes so that they may inspire others, educating the student body and themselves on their great achievements.

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