



Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors
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Supervisor Moore Omokunde Celebrates the Life and Legacy of Attorney, Alderwoman, Judge and Secretary of State Velvlea Phillips

MILWAUKEE – County Supervisor Supreme Moore Omokunde released the following statement on the passing of Vel Phillips

"Vel Phillips fought against systemic oppression before anyone really knew what that was.

"Vel Phillips is responsible for the city of Milwaukee's fair housing act and the inspiration for 200 days of fair housing marches in 1967-1968. She presented her fair housing ordinance to the common council four times and initially received no support, but succeed on the fifth attempt.

"Vel Phillips was the epitome of servant leadership. Even in her 90s she could be found clearing plates after breakfast at Milwaukee's Community Brainstorming and urging and supporting young people as they sought elected office.

"Let us never forget how important Vel Phillips is to this country, state, city and community. Let us mostly remember how she carried herself: with dignity, class, grace and elegance.

"May her living example continue to guide us as she joins the ancestors."

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