

# **U.S. Sen. Baldwin: U.S. Sens. Baldwin and Johnson introduce legislation to designate the Vel R. Phillips Post Office Building in Milwaukee**

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WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senators Tammy Baldwin and Ron Johnson today introduced legislation to designate the facility of the U.S. Post Office located at 2650 Dr. Martin Luther King Junior Drive in Milwaukee as the “Vel R. Phillips Post Office Building” in honor of Milwaukee’s pioneering civil rights activist who passed away earlier this year. A companion bill, led by Congresswoman Gwen Moore, passed in the House of Representatives last week.

“Vel contributed so much at every level and paved the way for other Wisconsinites to help make a difference in people’s lives,” said Senator Baldwin. “She was a leader in engaging the Milwaukee grassroots in dialogue with the Community Brainstorming conference and she encouraged everyone to join her on the march for social justice. Vel had a lifelong passion of doing right by others, and I’m proud to honor her memory and do right by her and her family by designating this Milwaukee building in her name.”

Velvalea “Vel” Phillips was the first woman judge in Milwaukee County and the first African American elected to the Milwaukee Common Council and to statewide office

in Wisconsin. Following Vel's passing, [Senator Baldwin authored a resolution in the Congressional Record](#) to honor her life of public service and her many contributions to the state of Wisconsin and as a civil rights leader.

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