

Rep. Loudenbeck: Statement on historic vote approving Vel Phillips statue

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Madison - Today, Rep. Amy Loudenbeck (R-Clinton), Chair of the State Capitol and Executive Residence Board (SCERB) released the following statement after SCERB approved the placement of a statue of trailblazer Vel Phillips on the Wisconsin State Capitol Park Grounds.

“Once installed, the Vel Phillips statue will have a place of honor at our state Capitol, which is arguably the most beautiful state Capitol in the country. I want to thank the subcommittee and the entire board for their work to accept this gift while maintaining the integrity, aesthetic and character of the state Capitol building and grounds. SCERB was created for moments such as this, and I am proud of our careful work and consideration leading up to this historic vote,” said Loudenbeck.

The proposed Vel Phillips statue will be the first statue of an African American woman on state capitol grounds in the country. The Vel Phillips statue is being donated to the state by the Vel Phillips Statue Task Force. More information about the endowment campaign and the life and legacy of Vel Phillips can be found here - <https://www.classy.org/campaign/vel-phillips-statue-fundraiser/c321457>

About SCERB: The 16-member State Capitol Executive Residence Board was created by Chapter 183, Laws of 1967. The purpose of SCERB is to direct the continuing and consistent maintenance of the property, decorative furniture and furnishings of the State Capitol and the Executive Residence. No renovation, repairs except repairs of an emergency nature, installation of fixtures, decorative items or furnishing for the

ground and building of the Capitol or Executive Residence may be performed by or become the property of the state by purchase wholly or in part from state funds, or by gift, loan or otherwise until approved by the Board as to design, structure, composition and appropriateness.