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**Rep. Stubbs Statement on the Passing of
U.S. Representative John Lewis & Reverend C.T. Lewis**

(MADISON) Today, Wisconsin State Representative Shelia Stubbs (D-Madison) released the following statement upon learning the death of United States Congressman John Lewis (D-Georgia) and the Reverend C.T. Vivian:

“Congressman John Lewis and Reverend C.T. Vivian were -and still are - pillars of this nation. They made our country better, more democratic, more humane. They taught us how to fight for our civil rights with intentionality, excellence, and love in our hearts. I like to believe they are not truly gone. They are still here with us - encouraging us in new ways. Every child that is born with a heart for justice, every teenager that looks at what is happening around them and says ‘Stop. This is not right,’ has the mettle and the soul of these two civil rights activists coursing through their veins.

These two great men died this Saturday, however, their spirit, their words, and the work they have done did not. It is our job to take the baton and make sure the work keeps growing. I simply can not contain my thoughts, tears, prayers or my praises of these two men inside of a single statement. I can not bring myself to say this is the end; and so I refuse to see their passing as an ending. Instead, I see this moment as us yet another beginning - another starting point. As a state representative, I know they are looking over us, and I know what they are saying to us right now, “This is no time to stop. You have work to do.”