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Sen. Taylor Statement on Passing of Former U.S. Senator Herb Kohl

(MADISON) – Upon learning of the death of former U.S. Senator Herb Kohl, Senator Lena C. Taylor (D-Milwaukee) released the following statement:

"As I prepare to bury my own mother this Saturday, I am forced to think about the legacy we leave behind. Senator Kohl was a man and legislator of another time. With grace and dignity, he navigated politics and differences to build consensus and yield results. He was a common man of extraordinary accomplishments. Yet, he was as comfortable walking into Jake's on Milwaukee's North Avenue, as he was walking in the halls of Congress. Of the community, Herb Kohl remained a part of the community. I always appreciated that about him.

As a young legislator, I paid attention to his style and independence. While not wealthy, I learned from him the value of being able to finance your own campaigns and the freedom it provided. His campaign slogan "Nobody's Senator but Yours" spoke volumes. I listened and watched his career.

Today, we have lost an incredible Wisconsin champion. However his contributions will far exceed his 88 years of life. Most of us have a connection, story or have been positively impacted by his work and contributions. I think most would agree that Senator Kohl left one heck of a legacy and blueprint for success. I wish to offer my condolences to his family, friends and community that loved him."

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