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Dear Members of the Common Council:

This letter is to honor the life, and legacy of Velvlea R. Phillips and support the renaming North 4th Street from West St. Paul Avenue to West Capitol Drive Vel R. Phillips Avenue. Velvlea R. Phillips demonstrated unwavering diligence to support civil rights throughout the state and across the nation for more than four decades. She was Milwaukee's first African American, and the state's first female alderperson. She rose to prominence as one of Wisconsin's greatest civil rights activists. Velvlea R. Phillips boasts numerous legislative "firsts" as part of her legacy. She was also the first African American judge in Wisconsin, and the first woman in the nation to hold an executive office in state government. She was a trailblazer for racial equity and served on various boards and in numerous capacities as well as supported immeasurable initiatives to advance civil rights until her departure.

Velvlea R. Phillips was a lifetime member of Jack and Jill of America, Incorporated. During her tenure she demonstrated her love, care, and concern for all children through her perseverance, work, and dedication towards encouraging the African American Community. The Milwaukee Chapter shall uphold the initiative to name North 4th Street after Velvlea R. Phillips, and will promote, advocate for, and if necessary, lobby to support this initiative, and endeavor to bring it to culmination for the purposes of respecting, upholding, and promoting the legacy of Velvlea R. Phillips, Civil Rights Activist Extraordinaire.

Sincerely,

Dr. Clayton-Jones

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