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Wisconsin Legislative Black Caucus Releases Statement on Passing of AJR 8 Designating February Black History Month

MADISON – Yesterday the Wisconsin State Assembly passed AJR 8 designating February Black History Month. The Wisconsin Legislative Black Caucus issued the following statement regarding its passage:

“The Wisconsin Legislative Black Caucus submitted a list of individuals that we unanimously decided to honor in the Assembly Black History Month Resolution. Unfortunately, our white colleagues in the Wisconsin Republican Caucus objected to individuals we chose to honor. As a result, assembly members of the Wisconsin Legislative Black Caucus have decided to change our vote on AJR 8 to ‘No.’

Yesterday was a textbook example of white privilege. The process by which this resolution passed was offensive and disappointing. In an extraordinary hubris dictating who we can and cannot honor, Wisconsin Republicans chose to undermine the leadership of the Black Caucus. They do not get to write out history. In obsessing over the form Colin Kaepernick’s protest, Wisconsin Republicans have forgotten that our country was built on protest and neglected its purpose. Wisconsin is one of the worst states to raise a Black family, we remain steadfast in our commitment to working toward solutions on the most pressing issues impacting Black families.”

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