



LAKESHIA MYERS

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REPRESENTATIVE LAKESHIA MYERS ISSUES STATEMENT REGARDING AJR8

(MADISON) - "After further consideration, I have instructed the Chief clerk to change my vote on Assembly Joint Resolution 8. I could not in good conscience vote for a watered down version of what was introduced by the Legislative Black Caucus. For much of our existence in the United States, African Americans have had to ask for permission; I refuse to ask for permission when honoring those who have made significant contributions to the plight of African American people. The insistence that Colin Kaepernick's name be removed from the black history month resolution was an exercise in white privilege and one that I cannot accept. To agree to the watered down version of this resolution would mean supporting the suppression of the African American's fundamental right to protest injustice. That is something I cannot and will not do.

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