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## **Sen. Taylor Statement on the Passing of former U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell**

(MADISON) – Today, Senator Lena Taylor (D-Milwaukee) released the following statement, regarding the passing of the 65<sup>th</sup> United States Secretary of State, General Colin Powell:

“Colin Powell was to my generation, what Barack Obama was to my son and his contemporaries. He helped Black people, he helped all of us, understand what was possible when we make a conscious decision to only see the individual. In a nation where race or politics have been flashpoints for division, Powell was able to move effectively through both realities. General Powell made the rest of us want to be better human beings. While acknowledging his many historic “firsts”, I am drawn to how he made me feel about my country, and his insistence that there was a place for all of us to be of service. I extend my deepest condolences to his family and thank them for the many years they shared him with us.”