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Rep.Stubbs Statement on State of the Tribes Address

MADISON, WI- Today, Stockbridge-Munsee President Shannon Holsey delivered the 18th annual State of the Tribes address. On this occasion, Representative Stubbs (D-Madison) released the following statement.

"It was an honor to hear the wise words of Stockbridge-Munsee President Shannon Holsey, and to recognize the sovereign tribal nations of Wisconsin. It is clear, Wisconsin is not Wisconsin without the people of our tribal nations. I commend President Holsey for her leadership, and for sharing the issues that continue to face sovereign tribal communities."

"During her speech, President Holsey shared support for increased economic opportunity, involvement in our democracy, and protection for our natural resources. Her comprehensive speech showed the deep history of tribal involvement in our state, and their vital role moving forward. I applaud her leadership and look forward to uplifting the voices of Wisconsin's first inhabitants in throughout this next year."

"President Holsey also noted that the COVID-19 pandemic has brought unprecedented challenges to domestic violence programs across Wisconsin. I wholeheartedly agree that Wisconsin needs more resources for victims of this kind of violence, and we must address how this violence impacts entire communities."

"The Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women Taskforce is hard at work collecting data, assessing the impact this violence has on families, and coming up with legislative solutions. This Taskforce is a direct effort to confront this very real issue in indigenous communities, and I am proud to support it in any way that I can."

"Our sovereign tribal nations are critical to our state's past, present and future. As a state, we must uplift their history, recognize their sovereignty, and appreciate all of their contributions to our shared community."

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