

### Shalonn “Kiki” Curls Bio:

During a stellar nine year run as Missouri State Senator (9th District), Curls was instrumental in championing and growing the museum’s partnership with the State of Missouri. She worked tirelessly alongside her congressional colleagues, on both sides of the aisle, to reaffirm the NLBM’s value as one of the State of Missouri’s most unique and important cultural assets. Her efforts helped garner financial support for NLBM operations and the development of the Buck O’Neil Education and Research Center. Curls also led the effort that resulted in the General Assembly passing a bill recognizing November 13 as “Buck O’Neil Day” in the State of Missouri.