

**RESOLUTION
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**



SUPERVISOR PHIL OWENS
INITIATED BY

CORPORATION COUNSEL
RICHARD GREENLEE
DRAFTED BY

COUNTY BOARD STAFF
COMMITTEE
SUBMITTED BY

FEBRUARY 6, 2019
DATE DRAFTED

REQUESTING THAT THE NEXT COMMISSIONED SUBMARINE BE NAMED
AFTER THE STATE OF WISCONSIN

1 WHEREAS, United States naval vessels named after the State of Wisconsin have a long and
2 storied history of service to the United States as a twice commissioned name of a United States Navy
3 vessel; and,
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5 WHEREAS, the first vessel named the U.S.S. Wisconsin was an *Illinois*-class pre-dreadnaught
6 battleship, commissioned in February 1901 and constructed in the Union Iron Works in San Francisco
7 California and served the Navy from 1901 to 1921, as the Flagship of the Pacific Fleet, as the Northern
8 Squadron Flagship in the Asiatic Fleet, in the Great White Fleet, in the Atlantic Fleet and finally as a
9 training ship for cadets at the United States Naval Academy; and
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11 WHEREAS, the second vessel named the U.S.S. Wisconsin was an *Iowa*-class battleship, built
12 in the Philadelphia Naval Shipyard in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and launched on December 7, 1943
13 and served the Navy from 1943 to 1991, fighting in the Pacific Fleet during World War II and the
14 bombardment of Japan, in the Korean War, and as a training ship during the Cold War, before being
15 finally decommissioned and preserved as a museum ship docked in Norfolk, Virginia; and
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17 WHEREAS, the United States Navy struck the name *Wisconsin* from the active registry of ships
18 in 2006 thereby making it available to be used as a name for another ship again; and
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20 WHEREAS, there are currently twenty-three United States naval vessels named for states; and
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22 WHEREAS, current naming conventions for United States naval vessels establish that both
23 ballistic missile and fast attack submarines are named after States of the Union; and,
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25 WHEREAS, the citizens of the State of Wisconsin, its veterans and service members would be
26 honored by having a submarine in service in the United States Navy named after the State of
27 Wisconsin; and,
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29 WHEREAS, the Rock County Board of Supervisors seeks to honor our country's and state's
30 history and traditions by asking that the Governor and congressional delegation ask that the Secretary
31 of the Navy name the next commissioned ballistic missile or fast attack submarine be named after the
32 State of Wisconsin; and,
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34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly
35 assembled this 28th day of February, 2019, encourages the Secretary of the Navy to name the next
36 commissioned submarine after the State of Wisconsin and hereby urges Governor Tony Evers and
37 Wisconsin's congressional delegation to advocate for such a naming; and
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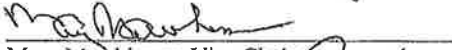
39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Clerk be authorized and directed to send a copy
40 of this resolution to Governor Evers, the office of each member of congress representing the citizens of
41 Wisconsin, and the Wisconsin Counties Association.

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Respectfully submitted:

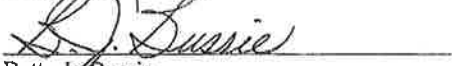
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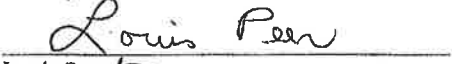

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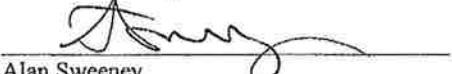

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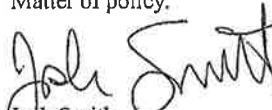
FISCAL NOTE:

No fiscal impact.


Sherry Oja
Finance Director


ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Matter of policy.


Josh Smith
County Administrator

LEGAL NOTE:

Advisory only.


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