RESOLUTION NO. 19-2B-196
AGENDA NO. 12.D. (1)

RESOLUTION
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

SUPERVISOR PHIL OWENS
INITIATED BY

COUNTY BOARD STAFF
COMMITTEE
SUBMITTED BY

CORPORATION COUNSEL
RICHARD GREENLEE
DRAFTED BY

FEBRUARY 6, 2019
DATE DRAFTED

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

WHEREAS, United States naval vessels named after the State of Wisconsin have a long and
storied history of service to the United States as a twice commissioned name of a United States Navy
vessel; and,

WHEREAS, the first vessel named the U.S.S. Wisconsin was an Illinois-class pre-dreadnought
battleship, commissioned in February 1901 and constructed in the Union Iron Works in San Francisco
California and served the Navy from 1901 to 1921, as the flagship of the Pacific Fleet, as the Northern
Squadron Flagship in the Asiatic Fleet, in the Great White Fleet, in the Atlantic Fleet and finally as a
training ship for cadets at the United States Naval Academy; and

WHEREAS, the second vessel named the U.S.S. Wisconsin was an Iowa-class battleship, built
in the Philadelphia Naval Shipyard in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and launched on December 7, 1943
and served the Navy from 1943 to 1991, fighting in the Pacific Fleet during World War II and the
bombardment of Japan, in the Korean War, and as a training ship during the Cold War, before being
finally decommissioned and preserved as a museum ship docked in Norfolk, Virginia; and

WHEREAS, the United States Navy struck the name Wisconsin from the active registry of ships
in 2006 thereby making it available to be used as a name for another ship again; and

WHEREAS, there are currently twenty-three United States naval vessels named for states; and

WHEREAS, current naming conventions for United States naval vessels establish that both
ballistic missile and fast attack submarines are named after States of the Union; and,

WHEREAS, the citizens of the State of Wisconsin, its veterans and service members would be
honored by having a submarine in service in the United States Navy named after the State of
Wisconsin; and,

WHEREAS, the Rock County Board of Supervisors seeks to honor our country’s and state’s
history and traditions by asking that the Governor and congressional delegation ask that the Secretary
of the Navy name the next commissioned ballistic missile or fast attack submarine be named after the
State of Wisconsin; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly
assembled this 22nd day of February, 2019, encourages the Secretary of the Navy to name the next
commissioned submarine after the State of Wisconsin and hereby urges Governor Tony Evers and
Wisconsin’s congressional delegation to advocate for such a naming; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Clerk be authorized and directed to send a copy
of this resolution to Governor Evers, the office of each member of congress representing the citizens of
Wisconsin, and the Wisconsin Counties Association.
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Respectfully submitted:

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FISCAL NOTE:
No fiscal impact.

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:
Matter of policy.

LEGAL NOTE:
Advisory only.

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