

1 Supervisor Gerry Broderick, Chairperson,
2 From the Committee on Parks, Energy, and Environment, reporting on:

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4 File No. 14-468
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6 (ITEM) A resolution by Supervisors Borkowski, Broderick, Taylor, and Staskunas
7 naming the Milwaukee County-owned woodlands located south of West Drexel Avenue
8 and east of South 27th Street in the City of Oak Creek as "Barloga Woods," by
9 recommending adoption of the following:

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11 **A RESOLUTION**
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13 WHEREAS, Richard R. Barloga, a well-known and respected naturalist, was actively
14 involved in conservation leadership since the early 1970s and has assisted countless
15 organizations with education, natural area stewardship, and resource preservation; and
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17 WHEREAS, Mr. Barloga started a nature program in 1977 at Jacobus Park, working
18 with the Milwaukee County Parks System to aid the elderly and handicapped in learning
19 about natural ecosystems; and
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21 WHEREAS, Mr. Barloga served as a Milwaukee Public Museum Associate and
22 provided plant species specimens to the Museum's herbarium collection which will assist
23 future botanists and land managers with identification of rare plant species and natural area
24 ecosystem management; and
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26 WHEREAS, Mr. Barloga's legacy includes more than 45 years spent compiling
27 detailed plant community inventories and ecological studies of many natural areas
28 throughout Southeast Wisconsin; and
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30 WHEREAS, being a prolific wildlife and ecological authority, Mr. Barloga has
31 captured thousands of wildflower and natural area photographs that provide a visual record
32 of our legacy landscapes and endangered plant species; and
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34 WHEREAS, Mr. Barloga's detailed inventory work has supported permanent
35 conservation efforts and acquisition of many community natural areas by local
36 governments and non-profit organizations including the Esch-Honadel Woods,
37 Fitzsimmons Woods, Carity Prairie, Franklin Scout Park, New Berlin Deer Creek Sanctuary,
38 Martins Woods, and the Eagle Prairie; and
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40 WHEREAS, Mr. Barloga poured his physical, emotional, intellectual, and artistic
41 efforts into the protection of the natural world and its indigenous plant communities so that
42 they might serve as places of tranquility, spiritual reflection, and opportunities for teaching
43 responsible and moral land ethics; and
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45 WHEREAS, Mr. Barloga’s tenure as an observer and teacher of the natural world
46 instructed and inspired a generation of land managers and citizen stewards throughout the
47 region; and

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49 WHEREAS, Mr. Barloga’s years of seasonal inventories of the unique woodland
50 locally known as Esch-Honadel Woods in Oak Creek led to identification of those Woods
51 as one of the most significant local natural resources and ultimately the addition of those
52 Woods to the Milwaukee County Park System; and

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54 WHEREAS, the Esch-Honadel Woods are comprised of multiple parcels of wooded
55 land within Falk Park and the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture has specifically
56 designated those parcels to be named after Mr. Barloga; and

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58 WHEREAS, Milwaukee County desires to recognize Richard R. Barloga for his
59 lifelong commitment to the people and natural resources of Southeastern Wisconsin and
60 his passion that led to the protection and enhancement of so many diverse and beautiful
61 landscapes; now, therefore,

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63 BE IT RESOLVED, that the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby honors
64 the life and contributions of Mr. Richard R. Barloga by naming the Milwaukee County-
65 owned woodlands located south of West Drexel Avenue and east of South 27th Street in
66 the City of Oak Creek as “Barloga Woods” in his memory.

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