

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

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4 File No. 14-831

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6 (ITEM) A resolution by Supervisor Weishan, Jr., naming a softball diamond in
7 McCarty Park in the City of West Allis after Mr. Orlando "Pancho" Palesse, by
8 recommending adoption of the following:

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10 **A RESOLUTION**

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12 WHEREAS, Orlando "Pancho" Palesse began his life in Milwaukee, having
13 graduated from Rufus King High School in 1941, and was offered an athletic
14 scholarship to Marquette University in 1942, where he demonstrated his lifelong passion
15 for sports, playing football and basketball throughout the duration of his education; and

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17 WHEREAS, Mr. Palesse left Marquette University to bravely serve his country
18 during World War II as a pilot, flying B-17 Flying Fortresses on 23 missions in Europe;
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21 WHEREAS, Mr. Palesse officiated for recreational leagues, the Wisconsin
22 Interscholastic Athletic Association, the National Collegiate Athletic Association, the
23 Wisconsin Independent Schools Athletic Association Boys Basketball Finals, every
24 college venue in the state of Wisconsin, and was a Big Ten official for 13 years; and

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26 WHEREAS, Mr. Palesse retired from officiating in 1980, moving on to serve as
27 the official scorekeeper for the Milwaukee Brewers for six seasons; and

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29 WHEREAS, Mr. Palesse served as the past president of the Eastern Wisconsin
30 Officials Association; and

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32 WHEREAS, Mr. Palesse was inducted into the Wisconsin Senior Olympics Hall
33 of Fame, the Old Time Ballplayers Association of Wisconsin Hall of Fame, and the
34 Wisconsin Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame; and

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36 WHEREAS, Mr. Palesse continues his love for sports as an active player-
37 manager of Milwaukee Seniors 65-and-older and 70-and-older softball teams and has
38 lived his life dedicated to his family and his sports teams; and

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40 WHEREAS, in honor of the dedication that Mr. Palesse has demonstrated to
41 athletics in Milwaukee, naming a softball diamond in McCarty Park after him would be
42 an appropriate gesture to commemorate all of his contributions to sports within the
43 community; now, therefore,

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45 BE IT RESOLVED, that the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby
46 honors the contributions of Mr. Orlando "Pancho" Palesse by naming the #2 softball

47 diamond located in McCarty Park near the Service Yard the “Orlando ‘Pancho’ Palesse
48 Softball Diamond”; and

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50 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Department of Parks, Recreation, and
51 Culture shall work with the Village at Manor Park Senior Softball League to determine
52 and provide appropriate naming signage to the designated area.

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