File No. 16-638

A resolution by Supervisor Haas to rename a trail segment known as the Alpha Mountain Bike Trail, that begins at the Winter Sports Area of Whitnall Park and heading eastward to the Crystal Ridge area of the Root River Parkway be renamed the "Chris Kegel Alpha Trail," by recommending adoption of the following:

AN AMENDED RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Mr. Chris Kegel is the owner of Wheel and Sprocket, a well-respected local bicycle business that has been in operation for over 40 years, with seven store locations; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kegel is recognized as a founding member of People for Bikes, president of the League of American Bicyclists; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kegel, also served as a board member to the International Mountain Bike Association, the Bicycle Federation of Wisconsin, and the National Bicycle Dealers Association; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kegel is an advocate for trails recreation regionally, statewide, and nationally, and is a tireless supporter of Milwaukee County's (the County) trails, hiking, biking, and outdoor activities; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kegel was instrumental in creating the Milwaukee County Trails Council, Friends of the Milwaukee County Trails, and was the catalyst for the Oak Leaf Discovery Tour; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kegel has continuously provided suggestions and guidance for improvements to the existing trails in the County, as well as future trail expansion; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kegel's generosity has provided bikes for the County Parks' Ranger Program, skis and bikes annually for the Winterfest at Brown Deer Park, as well as giving back regionally for cycling initiatives, bike advocacy, and community sustainability; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to preserve the legacy that Mr. Kegel has built, the Milwaukee County Trails Council has proposed that the trail segment known as the Alpha Mountain Bike Trail, a three mile, single track, narrow trail, beginning at the Winter Sports Area of Whitnall Park, heading eastward to the Crystal Ridge area of the Root River Parkway, be named the "Chris Kegel Alpha Trail," in honor of Mr. Kegel's activism in advocating for the County's bike trails, cyclists, and outdoor recreational activities; and

 WHEREAS, the Committee on Parks, Energy, and Environment, at its meeting of October 25, 2016, recommended adoption of this amended resolution (vote 5-0); now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby honor the life and contributions of Mr. Chris Kegel by renaming the trail segment known as the Alpha Mountain Bike Trail, a three mile, single track, narrow trail, beginning at the Winter Sports Area of Whitnall Park, heading eastward to the Crystal Ridge area of the Root River Parkway the "Chris Kegel Alpha Trail."

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