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3 A resolution by Supervisors Dimitrijevic and Haas naming the Great Room in the
4 Humboldt Park Pavilion in memory of Ruth M. Simos, by recommending adoption of the
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7 **AN ENGROSSED RESOLUTION**

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9 WHEREAS, Ruth M. Simos was a lifelong Bay View resident and a dedicated
10 member of her community; and

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12 WHEREAS, Ruth attended Bay View High School and graduated with a science
13 major and an elective in art; and

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15 WHEREAS, after graduation, Ruth married George Simos and had six children,
16 raising them in Ruth's childhood home near Humboldt Park in Bay View; and

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18 WHEREAS, Ruth was the founder of Humboldt Park Friends and worked
19 tirelessly to foster park stewardship, preserve park history, improve amenities and
20 safety, and sponsor events and programming to enjoy in Humboldt Park such as the
21 Easter Egg Hunt, 4th of July celebration, and her proudest accomplishment as a
22 member of Humboldt Park Friends' Tree Day; and

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24 WHEREAS, Ruth was also a past President of The Bay View Historical Society,
25 a member of the Bay View Arts Guild, and a member of Dancing Grannies of
26 Milwaukee; and

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28 WHEREAS, in 2006 Ruth was inducted into the Milwaukee County Senior Citizen
29 Hall of Fame for her outstanding volunteer service in her community; and

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31 WHEREAS, in 2011 Ruth was honored with *The Bay View Compass* Spirit of Bay
32 View award due to her embodiment of the spirit of Bay View, her continuous volunteer
33 work, and her work as President and Founder of the Humboldt Park Watch
34 (now Humboldt Park Friends); and

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36 WHEREAS, Ruth always had a passion for art and one of her drawings of a tree
37 can be seen at the marker in South Shore Park that commemorates the giant European
38 Copper Beech that once stood there; and

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40 WHEREAS, Ruth said, "[T]he parks are for everybody. If you don't belong to a
41 country club, if you don't have a swimming pool in your backyard the parks are there,"
42 as quoted in the February 2011 issue of *The Bay View Compass*; and

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44 WHEREAS, on February 22, 2018, Ruth M. Simos, a life-long resident of Bay
45 View, a dedicated volunteer, a loving wife, mother, grandmother, and great-
46 grandmother, and a passionate park advocate, passed away at the age of 93; and

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WHEREAS, to recognize Ruth M. Simos' passion for her community and dedication to the continuous improvement of Humboldt Park, it is fitting to name the Great Room in the Humboldt Park Pavilion in her honor; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Parks, Energy, and Environment, at its meeting of March 13, 2018, recommended adoption of File No. 18-269 (vote 4-0); now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors (County Board) hereby names the Great Room in the Humboldt Park Pavilion the Ruth M. Simos Great Room; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture (DPRC) is authorized and directed to obtain and install a placard in honor of Ruth M. Simos to the entrance of the Great Room; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the DPRC is authorized and directed to obtain the placard from a local blacksmithing business; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County Board authorizes the Office of Performance, Strategy, and Budget-Department of Administrative Services to process an appropriation transfer in the amount of \$2,000 from Org. Unit 1945–Appropriation for Contingencies to Org. Unit 9000–DPRC to purchase and install the placard.

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