

**VILLAGE OF VERNON HILLS  
RESOLUTION 2025-058**

**A RESOLUTION DEDICATING THE STREET OF COUGAR WAY AS HONORARY  
U.S.S. WOLVERINE AND THE STREET OF NIKE PARKWAY AS U.S.S. SABLE IN  
COMMEMORATION OF THEIR ROLE IN PREPARING NAVAL AVIATORS FOR  
DUTY IN THE PACIFIC DURING WWII**

**WHEREAS**, the current site of the Vernon Hills Athletic Conference was formerly the site of a military airfield; and

**WHEREAS**, during World War II, a naval aviator training program was implemented in preparation for combat in the Pacific, and 17,820 naval aviators were trained in what is present day Vernon Hills; and

**WHEREAS**, the naval aviators were required to demonstrate proficiency with take-offs and landings on a simulated aircraft carrier landing deck located on the military airfield; and once proficiency was demonstrated, the aviators were required to conduct landings on aircraft carriers located in Lake Michigan; and

**WHEREAS**, two side-wheel steam powered cruise ships were converted to aircraft carriers and re-christened as the U.S.S. Sable and the U.S.S. Wolverine; and

**WHEREAS**, in partnership with American Legion – Vernon Hills Post 1247, the Village desires to designate honorary street signs at Cougar Way in honor of the U.S.S. Wolverine and at Nike Parkway in honor of the U.S.S. Sable in recognition of this historical moment in our nation's history.

**NOW THEREFORE**, be it resolved by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Vernon Hills, Lake County, Illinois that the above identified streets have honorary signage commemorating the service of the U.S.S Wolverine and U.S.S. Sable.

Dated the 4<sup>th</sup> day of November 2025.

AYES: 6 – Marquardt, Oppenheim, Forster, Schenk, Lundeen, Koch

NAYS: 0 - None

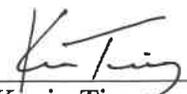
ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: 1- Takaoka

  
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Thom Koch Jr., Village President

PASSED: 11/04/2025

APPROVED: 11/04/2025

ATTEST: 11/04/2025

  
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Kevin Timony, Village Clerk

