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KIMBERLY M. PLACHE

STATE SENATOR • TWENTY FIRST SENATE DISTRICT

September 6, 2000

Memo

To: Kim
From: Angela

Re: Robert E. Ellsworth Prison

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Kim:

I spoke with Legislative Council about the name of the correctional facility. Anne Sappenfield, who deals with the prison aspect of the council, claims that it is not in the statutes and was not aware of how naming a prison procedure took place. She recommended talking to Bob Margolies to find out the procedure. I did not want to alert Bob to anything until I spoke with you.

Would you like me to ask Bob how naming prisons is done?

*Mike Dsida - LRB - requested draft 1/09  
called 12/11 - he is passing it on to another staff*

*Collins*

→ Sent InterD 9/28

fax 7-3111 Diana Green

September 21, 2000

Secretary Jon Litscher  
Wisconsin Department of Corrections  
Post Office Box  
Madison, Wisconsin

Re: Robert E. Ellsworth Correctional Facility

~~to change name from~~

Dear Secretary Litscher:

I write to you today regarding the Ellsworth Correctional Facility located in Union Grove, Wisconsin. I write with hopes that we can work together to pay respects to former Governor Harvey's wife, Cordelia Harvey.

Each year, I speak with students regarding issues important to them and their area. Recently, while speaking to a class at Union Grove High School, the discussion of why a woman's correctional facility would be named after a man was brought up. I asked the students, if they could rename the facility, what historical Wisconsin woman they would choose. I received many extensively researched and well-written suggestions from the students.

It is as a result of their efforts and ideas that I write. I am in hopes that the Department of Corrections is willing to administratively change the current name of the facility to pay respects to the late Cordelia Harvey; a woman of courage, strength and determination.

Thank you in advance for your consideration and assistance. I look forward to hearing from you and working with you regarding this matter. Please feel free to give me a call if you should have any questions.

Sincerely,

Kim Plache  
State Senator

KP/am

May 24, 2000

**MEMO**

To: Kim

From : Angela

Re: Robert E. Ellsworth (died at 61 years of age)

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Kim:

Here is the gist of what I found out regarding Mr. Ellsworth and his workings in the correctional system over the years.

Mr. Ellsworth began his career in corrections in 1954 as a psychologist at the Wisconsin State Prison in Waupan. In 1956, he was transferred to Central State Hospital as assistant superintendent for two years. In 1964, he was named associate warden for treatment at the Wisconsin Correctional Institution, Fox Lake. He advanced to chief of classification in the Division's central office in 1977.

I am not aware of the date, but eventually he was promoted yet again to treatment director of Waupan Correctional and served there for quite some time. He then was named Resource Director for the Wisconsin Resource Center in 1984. The Wisconsin Resource Center is located in Winnebago's Mental Health Institute. Under Ellsworth's leadership, the resource center focused on improving the inmates' behavior and social skills along with a sense of responsibility. He resided in Waupan until his death.

It seems that he was well known in the Corrections world, but I have yet to find his connection to the Fox Lake Correctional Institution. I will keep checking, but I wanted to get you at least this bit.

Leg. Council  
Bill Draft

Katie Bower

1<sup>st</sup> hour

5/19/00

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**Cordelia A. P. Harvey**

“The way to get things done is not to mind who gets the credit for doing them.”  
Benjamin Jowett. This quote beautifully describes the kind hearted, hard working, and highly underrated, Mrs. Cordelia A. P. Harvey.

When Mrs. Harvey was approaching womanhood she would feel the effects of the first roadblock in her life. Her parents had died and she would now be forced to take care of her sisters. While growing she kept them clothed, fed, and a roof over their heads. She did not stop this act when she married the governor of Wisconsin, Mr. Louis P. Harvey; she continued to keep an active role in their lives, as they became woman with lives of their own.

Horror struck many, including Corelia, when they were to find out that Governor Harvey had been drowned at Savannah, after the horrid battles of Pittsburgh Landing and Shiloh. Governor Harvey had made it his personal duty to take care of his soldiers in that fearful crisis; this would start the self-rewarding career for his widowed wife. Although many thought Cordelia should have a great amount of time to greave for her loss, she would waste no time. She had intended to carry out the wishes of her husband; it was at that time when she decided to obtain a commission to act as one of the sanitary agents of the state.

While performing her assigned duties, Mrs. Harvey she found many soldiers suffering in southern hospitals, unless left to die she knew that the soldiers must be taken to an mhealthierclimate. She decides to go to Washington, and by mainly herself established a hospital in Madison for the cause.

A hospital, known as the Harvey hospital, was built for the residence of Governor Farwell. The rooms had high spacious ceilings great for Hospital usage. After it was no longer in use Mrs. Harvey conceived the idea of converting it into a home for soldiers' orphans.

When Mrs. Harvey returned from the south she brought with her half a dozen orphans of war, all of which she picked not inquiring on which side their fathers had fought. The U.S. government would supply the state of Wisconsin with a hospital. It would be three wings; fixtures and supplies would be fully supplied by the government. The home was opened on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 1866 with eighty-four orphan inmates, herself being the head. This became a state institution March 31<sup>st</sup>, 1866. Wisconsin would assure those fighting that they would keep those families safe of those who enlisted stating " We will take care of your wives and children." Having Mrs. Harvey at the head of the establishment made this statement a sure thing for the soldiers to count on.

Mrs. Harvey retired her position, after taking extremely good care of every orphan, knowing each one by name and soul. She was a caring and ever giving soul. She was put in circumstances, which were not fortunate, and she made the best of all the situations that came flying at her. Mrs. Cordelia A. P. Harvey was truly a mentor, not only showing what a strong female she was for overcoming a gender barrier so obvious during the time, she was a mentor for those she had touched their lives, and also for those

who had the chance to witness her unselfish acts of love. One woman who knew her well stated, " Her children shall arise and call her blessed."

Tommy G. Thompson  
Governor

Jon E. Litscher  
Secretary



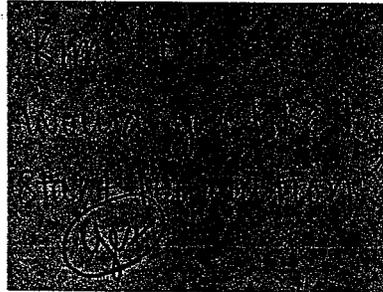
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October 26, 2000

Kim Plache  
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Madison, WI 53707-7882



Dear Senator Plache:

This is in response to your letter regarding the renaming of the Robert E. Ellsworth Correctional Center.

Originally, the Robert E. Ellsworth Correctional Center was named after Dr. Atherton, a previous employee of the Southern Wisconsin Center for the Developmentally Disabled. When the decision was made to transfer ownership from Health and Social Services to the Department of Corrections, family members of Dr. Atherton requested the institution be renamed.

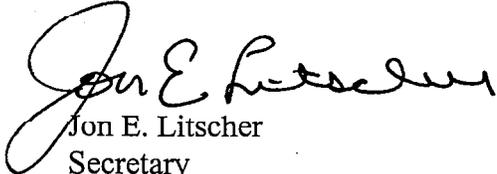
The Robert E. Ellsworth Correctional Center was named after a previous Department of Corrections employee, Mr. Robert E. Ellsworth. The Center was renamed after Mr. Ellsworth because he had a long-standing career in the Department of Corrections. He began his career in corrections in 1954 and served in several capacities. He was an exceptional correctional leader, a person with great professional skills and personal kindness. Most notable, Mr. Ellsworth was dedicated to the female offender and demonstrated it with sensitivity to issues affecting them.

Former Department of Corrections Secretary, Michael J. Sullivan presented the recommendation and supporting documentation to Governor Tommy G. Thompson to name the Center after Mr. Ellsworth. Governor Thompson officially named the Center the Robert E. Ellsworth Correctional Center on January 1, 1992.

We will be opening several new correctional facilities in the next few years. If you or your constituents would like a certain individual name considered, please forward me the recommended name and supporting documentation.

If I can be of further assistance, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



Jon E. Litscher  
Secretary

cc: William J. Grosshans, Administrator  
Mickey Thompson, Warden  
Barbara Powell, Superintendent



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State of Wisconsin  
2001 - 2002 LEGISLATURE

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RPN.....  
*King*

## 2001 BILL

*Cordelia Harvey was the spouse of Louis P. Harvey, the 2th governor of Wisconsin.*

*Sen. Cat.*

1 AN ACT *Sen. Cat.* relating to: renaming the women's minimum security correctional  
2 facility at Union Grove, Racine County.

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***Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau***

Currently, the women's minimum security correctional facility at Union Grove, Racine County, is named the Robert E. Ellsworth Women's Center. This ~~draft~~ <sup>bill</sup> names that facility the Cordelia Harvey Women's Center.

For further information see the **state** fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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***The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:***

3 SECTION 1. 302.01 of the statutes is amended to read:

4 **302.01 State prisons named and defined.** The penitentiary at Waupun is  
5 named "Waupun Correctional Institution". The correctional treatment center at  
6 Waupun is named "Dodge Correctional Institution". The penitentiary at Green Bay  
7 is named "Green Bay Correctional Institution". The medium/maximum penitentiary  
8 at Portage is named "Columbia Correctional Institution". The medium security

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1 institution at Oshkosh is named "Oshkosh Correctional Institution". The medium  
 2 security penitentiary near Fox Lake is named "Fox Lake Correctional Institution".  
 3 The penitentiary at Taycheedah is named "Taycheedah Correctional Institution".  
 4 The medium security penitentiary at Plymouth is named "Kettle Moraine  
 5 Correctional Institution". The penitentiary at the village of Sturtevant in Racine  
 6 county is named "Racine Correctional Institution". The medium security  
 7 penitentiary at Racine is named "Racine Youthful Offender Correctional Facility".  
 8 The resource facility at Oshkosh is named "Wisconsin Resource Center". The  
 9 minimum security women's correctional facility at the village of Union Grove in  
 10 Racine County is named "Cordelia Harvey Women's Center". The institutions named  
 11 in this section, the correctional institutions authorized under s. 301.16 (1n) and (1v),  
 12 correctional institution authorized under 1997 Wisconsin Act 4, section 4 (1) (a),  
 13 correctional institution authorized under s. 301.046 (1), correctional institution  
 14 authorized under s. 301.048 (4) (b), minimum security correctional institutions  
 15 authorized under s. 301.13, the probation and parole holding facilities authorized  
 16 under s. 301.16 (1q) and state-local shared correctional facilities when established  
 17 under s. 301.14, are state prisons.

18 **History:** 1973 c. 90; 1975 c. 39; 1975 c. 189 s. 99 (1); 1975 c. 224, 422; 1977 c. 29; 1977 c. 418 ss. 369, 924 (18) (d); 1979 c. 221; 1981 c. 20; 1983 a. 192, 332, 538; 1985 a. 29; 1987 a. 5; 1989 a. 31 ss. 1617m, 1617n; Stats. 1989 s. 302.01; 1989 a. 359; 1991 a. 39; 1995 a. 27; 1997 a. 4, 27; 1999 a. 9.  
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**DRAFTER'S NOTE  
FROM THE  
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RPN...*kmj*

I added this language naming the center to the statutes because I thought that would best meet your intent.

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**FROM THE**  
**LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU**

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December 21, 2000

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December 21, 2000

### MEMORANDUM

To: Senator Plache

From: Robert P. Nelson, Senior Legislative Attorney

Re: LRB-0966 Name of Robert E. Ellsworth Women's Center

The attached draft was prepared at your request. Please review it carefully to ensure that it is accurate and satisfies your intent. If it does and you would like it jacketed for introduction, please indicate below for which house you would like the draft jacketed and return this memorandum to our office. If you have any questions about jacketing, please call our program assistants at 266-3561. Please allow one day for jacketing.

\_\_\_\_\_ JACKET FOR ASSEMBLY     JACKET FOR SENATE

If you have any questions concerning the attached draft, or would like to have it redrafted, please contact me at (608) 267-7511 or at the address indicated at the top of this memorandum.

If the last paragraph of the analysis states that a fiscal estimate will be prepared, the LRB will request that it be prepared after the draft is introduced. You may obtain a fiscal estimate on the attached draft before it is introduced by calling our program assistants at 266-3561. Please note that if you have previously requested that a fiscal estimate be prepared on an earlier version of this draft, you will need to call our program assistants in order to obtain a fiscal estimate on this version before it is introduced.

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