

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Naming of the Plaza Adjacent to the Naval Architecture and
Marine Engineering Building

Action

Requested: Authorization to Name the Plaza in Honor of Irwin Chase

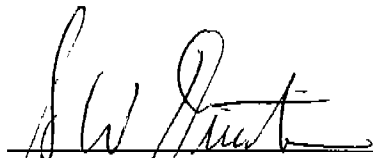
Background:

The College of Engineering has received a gift of \$534,398 from Rear Admiral Irwin Chase, Jr., in support of a new entrance plaza and landscaping for the Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering (NAME) Building. Rear Admiral Chase's gift is intended to honor his father Irwin Chase, BS 1906 (Marine Engineering).

Irwin Chase was a distinguished naval architect and marine engineer. In the 1920s and '30s, he became well known on the East Coast as the designer and builder of motor yachts. Using the basic ideas of his sleek and fast gasoline launches, Chase went on to become the designer and mass builder of the Patrol-Torpedo Boat, or PT Boat as it is more commonly called. During World War II, he was managing director of the Elco Naval Division of the Electric Boat Company of Groton, Connecticut, and oversaw the production of hundreds of PT boats for the U. S. Navy.

In recognition of this significant commitment from Rear Admiral Chase, we recommend that the Regents designate the plaza in front of the NAME Building as the Irwin Chase Plaza.

Respectfully submitted,



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