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WALKER WELCOMES "FREEDOM" COMMISSIONING TO MILWAUKEE
Community invited to sign cards to send to Wisconsin military personnel

MILWAUKEE – County Executive Scott Walker welcomed several hundred business leaders at an informational kick-off breakfast this morning about the commissioning of the LCS-1 Freedom. The Navy ship commissioning is expected to take place in fall 2008 with a week of events at Milwaukee County's Veterans Park.

The Pfister arranged for those attending today's event to sign special holiday greeting cards that will be attached to small wreaths and sent to Wisconsin Marines serving in Iraq. The Navy League of the United State will assist in shipping the wreaths to Iraq.

"Signing a card for a service member may seem like a small thing," said Walker, "but our troops appreciate these special messages from home. It's a nice way to let them know they are in our thoughts while they work to preserve our freedom."

Walker encourages members of the public to stop in at the lobby of The Pfister this week and send their own message to a service member this holiday season.

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