



Tom Barrett
Mayor, City of Milwaukee

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Senator Alberta Darling
Senator Chris Larson
Wisconsin State Capitol
Madison, WI 53707

RE: Senate Bill 99- Relating to designating and marking the Richard A. Grobschmidt Memorial Bridge.

Dear Senators Darling and Larson:

I am writing to express my strong support for Senate Bill 99 directing the Department of Natural Resources to commemorate the bridge on the Hank Aaron State Trail in Lakeshore Park as the Richard A. Grobschmidt Memorial Bridge. The creation of Lakeshore Park itself is largely owed to Rick's tireless advocacy.

Rick was a dear friend and a trusted colleague, admired by fellow legislators for his commitment to his constituents. He and I served in the State Legislature together, and I never ceased to be impressed by his dedication to making Wisconsin, particularly South Milwaukee, a better place for our children.

Rick was committed to working across the aisle on issues impacting our greater community, working to find shared goals with fellow public servants. Rick remained a dedicated public official, serving as Assistant Superintendent at the Department of Public Instruction until his retirement.

I believe this memorial will be a fitting tribute to a beloved public servant, as increasing community access to our parks and lakeshores was one of Rick's most treasured legislative achievements.

Please do not hesitate to contact me for more information in support of this worthy initiative.

Sincerely,

Tom Barrett
Mayor