



South Milwaukee

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RE: Support of Senate Bill 99

Dear Legislator,

I am writing to voice my support for 2017 Senate Bill 99, to designate and mark the bridge in Lakeshore State Park the "Richard A. Grobschmidt Memorial Bridge" in honor of this great man.

Richard Grobschmidt was a lifelong resident of South Milwaukee and was a dedicated community servant, accomplished public official and fierce supporter of education.

Rick graduated from South Milwaukee High School in 1966. He returned to teach political science at the school before serving five terms in the state Assembly and parts of three terms in the state Senate, chairing both the Assembly and Senate education committees. Rick left the Senate in 2003 after he was appointed assistant state superintendent of the Department of Public Instruction. He retired from the DPI in 2010.

Sadly, Rick passed in 2016 after a battle with cancer.

In his time in the state legislature, Rick championed the creation of the Lakeshore State Park, and I can't think of a better honor for him and his family than to name this bridge after him.

I would like to thank the bill's co-sponsors for their support in honoring this great man, and, if you have not already, I ask you to consider joining as a co-sponsor and to vote for this bill. I speak on behalf of all the residents of South Milwaukee when I tell you how much we appreciate your efforts to recognize the contributions Rick made to all of Wisconsin.

Sincerely,

Erik Brooks, Mayor
City of South Milwaukee

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