

Many compare his stature to a rock of granite, immovable to the waves of controversy that sometimes washed over him. He ruled with an iron fist but a soft heart for those he called the good people of Milwaukee.

Mr. Breier devoted more than 44 years to law enforcement with the Milwaukee Police Department. He was chief of police during some of the most tumultuous times in Milwaukee and was a man of action who disdained sitting behind a desk. He remained a tough street cop throughout his career and was considered a crack marksman, who shot three criminal suspects in the line of duty during his career. None of them died from their wounds.

He climbed quickly through the ranks and was first promoted to detective in 1946, serving on the vice squad. After that followed promotions in swift succession; lieutenant in 1954, captain in 1958, deputy inspector in 1960, inspector of detectives in 1962 and chief of police on February 15, 1964, a position he would hold for more than 20 years.

Mr. Breier has been praised as a valued and trusted leader, a man who played no favorites in the enforcement of the law, and a tough guy who, at the same time, was very sensitive to his family and especially his wife.

Mr. Breier was married to his wife Eleanor for 57 years. He courted her for seven years before they married. Through the years, before her death in May at the age of 82, Mr. Breier did much of the cooking, grocery shopping and house cleaning. He also cultivated flowers and vegetables in his backyard.

He was a true product of the South side, a working man before his career in law enforcement, who held jobs as a timekeeper, an electrician's helper, a factory inspector and temporary sheriff's deputy. He also played left tackle on the Braumeister Beers and other teams in an amateur football league called the West Allis Majors.

Mr. Speaker, Harold Breier's memory is cherished by many in Milwaukee. We offer condolences to his daughter Suzanne and his son Thomas. We will miss his no-nonsense, straight shooting approach to life. His devotion to duty stands as an example to us all.

TRIBUTE TO NORTHERN COLORADO WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

HON. BOB SCHAFFER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 11, 1998

Mr. BOB SCHAFFER of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District (NCWCD). During the August district work period, Mr. Eric Wilkinson and Mr. Brian Werner were kind enough to spend some time speaking with a member of my staff. NCWCD took two busloads of interested people on their annual Colorado-Big Thompson Project, West Slope tour. There, Eric, Brian and others shared hours of information, history and stories regarding one of Colorado's most important water projects. Their tour is a real tribute to the public and serves to educate scores of people on the importance of water to Colorado. I commend the district for conducting these wonderful tours and for their other important public outreach projects.

Currently, NCWCD is working with the Bureau of Reclamation on the issue of dam seepage at Horsetooth. The seepage is not serious according to NCWCD and the Bureau, but both entities are concerned about public reaction. I understand a recent public meeting on the topic went far to address the concerns of local citizens. Drill testing is occurring now to determine how the dam is settling. The NCWCD would also like to do a land exchange to acquire land appurtenant to the Windy Gap pipeline. The exchange is proceeding administratively, and I have encouraged the Forest Service to facilitate that process.

The Poudre River Corridor Act is also important to NCWCD. Under the Act, a state commission is to be set up for innovative projects and ideas. I am following up with technical corrections needed to help establish this long-overdue commission. I look forward to working on these and other issues with all of the hard-working, dedicated people of the Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District. They have my strong support and commendations for supplying Colorado's farms, ranches and cities with safe, clean water. I look forward to working with the NCWCD on these and other important issues.

THOMAS ALVA EDISON COMMEMORATIVE COIN ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 9, 1998

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, when I introduced this bill on February 11, 1997, Thomas Edison's 150th birthday, I had no idea what a monumental task getting a coin bill to the floor is. Obtaining 290 cosponsors is no small task, and I particularly want to thank some of the original cosponsors—David Bonior, Jerry Solomon, Don Payne, and Porter Goss—for their exceptional efforts in making this bill possible.

The coin to be issued will honor the world's greatest inventor, Thomas Edison, and the effort to get it minted reminds me of one of his many famous sayings, "Genius is 1 percent inspiration, 99 percent perspiration."

To re-awaken America to the history of this national hero, this bill commemorates the 125th anniversary of the lightbulb, which Edison invented in 1879. The Treasury is authorized to issue a one-dollar commemorative coin in 2004 bearing Edison's likeness. The surcharges from the sale of the coins will be used to help fund eight different Edison locations across the country dedicated to extending Edison's legacy. This bill has no net cost to the federal government.

Edison was born in my district and last year, the Edison Birthplace museum in my district in Milan, Ohio, was so strapped for funds that it asked local officials for help with the electric bill. Other Edison sites across the country are faced with similar financial difficulties.

Edison was the most prolific inventor in American history with more than 1,300 patents. In addition to the lightbulb, these inventions include that stock ticker, the electronic vote recorder, and the phonograph.

This coin bill will be a suitable memorial of Thomas Edison, and will also provide needed help to many historical sites across America.

I would like to recognize two people on my staff, Christopher Bremer and Bill Wilson, both of whom put in long hours of work in developing the Edison legislation. Without their exceptional efforts, this bill would never have reached this point. All too often the contributions of Hill staff are unacknowledged and I want to extend my deepest thanks to them both for their efforts.

ENDING VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

HON. SCOTTY BAESLER

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 11, 1998

Mr. BAESLER. Mr. Speaker, yesterday marked the kickoff of "Ending Violence Against Women" month back in my home state of Kentucky. Dozens of groups, including the Kentucky Women Advocates, the Kentucky Nurses Association, Metropolitan Women's Association, civic groups and good corporate citizens joined together at the Galleria in Louisville today to mark the occasion with a rally, speeches, and proclamations.

Kentucky's advocacy community—especially these groups and the Governor's Office on Child Abuse and Domestic Violence Services—has done an excellent job raising public awareness about the urgency of this issue.

This week I became a cosponsor of the Violence Against Women Act II.

I do so because, although the first Violence Against Women Act has made great strides, an estimated three to four million American women are assaulted each year by their husbands or partners. In Kentucky alone, 27,758 temporary protective orders and 18,252 emergency protective orders are issued annually.

I do so because domestic violence is still the least reported crime in the United States, but remains one of the most tragic, hurtful, and destructive crimes to the lives of citizens of my state and our nation. Clearly, more must be done.

I am especially proud to cosponsor VAWA II because it renews the Rural Domestic Violence provisions authored by myself and Reps. Long and Ewing in the 103rd Congress. This effort has sent more than \$250,000 to Kentucky to protect some of the most vulnerable women in my home state—those who live in rural areas.

Mr. Speaker, we are living in a time of remarkable prosperity and peace. But the fact remains that too many homes are wracked by domestic violence. Just as we must always work to ensure our nation's security and peace abroad, we must continue to work to ensure the physical security and peace of mind for the women across America.

AN EDUCATIONAL MEETING WITH THE COLORADO CATTLEMEN'S ASSOCIATION AND COLORADO WOOLGROWERS

HON. BOB SCHAFFER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 11, 1998

Mr. BOB SCHAFFER of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, Kent Lebsack of the Colorado Cattlemen's Association and Sandy Snider of the