

-EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. SIMPSON. Madam Speaker, in accordance with the policies and standards put forth by the House Appropriations Committee and the GOP Leadership, I would like to list the congressionally-directed projects I requested in my home state of Idaho that are contained in the report of H.R. 3288, the FY2010 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill.

Project Name: City of Rocks Back Country Byway Relocation, ID

Amount Received: \$1,000,000

Account: FHWA/Public Lands Highways

Recipient: Idaho Transportation Department

Recipient's Street Address: 3311 West State Street, Boise, ID 83707

Description: This 16.7 mile long project is located on the popular City of Rocks Back Country Byway in Cassia County, Idaho, which provides the only direct access to the City of Rocks National Reserve. When fully completed, the project will pave a 1.0 mile gravel segment, reconstruct 15.7 miles of deficient roadway, correct deteriorated road and slope conditions, provide a wider road with shoulders and guardrail, and improve the road's alignment by reducing the number and severity of sharp curves and steep grades. These improvements will increase safety for the driving public and provide safer access for bicycle and pedestrian traffic. These improvements will also significantly reduce the amount of on-going maintenance required to keep the route usable.

Project Name: Custer County Economic Development Initiative in Custer County, ID

Amount Received: \$500,000

Account: HUD/EDI

Recipient: Custer County, ID

Recipient's Street Address: 802 Main Street, Challis, ID 83226

Description: At almost 5,000 square miles, Custer County is larger than three states yet has just over 4,000 people. Unfortunately, it is burdened with a high proportion of public lands with over 95% of the county's 3.4 million acres administered by federal agencies. The county's tax base, or more specifically the lack thereof, is inadequate to support the services required for such an expansive county. This grossly disproportionate public ownership causes a severe strain on their resources. Funding would be used to construct a community center which would serve a number of purposes for the county.

Project Name: Trail Creek Highway/Forest Highway 66 Reconstruction, Mackay, ID

Amount Received: \$2,750,000

Account: FHWA/Public Lands Highways

Recipient: Lost River Highway District

Recipient's Street Address: 213 South McCaleb, Mackay, ID 83251

Description: Trail Creek Highway/Forest Highway 66 runs through the Salmon-Challis National Forest from U.S. Highway 93 west to Sun Valley, Idaho. The road is maintained entirely by the Lost River Highway District and includes 17 miles of unpaved road that is used extensively for commerce and recreational purposes by tourists and homeowners. The high traffic volume (500 cars per day and ex-

pected to grow) and poor road conditions cause safety concerns for those traveling along the highway. Funds would be used to complete study and design work and upgrade the road by paving 5.5 miles of gravel road from the end of existing pavement near the West Bartlett Point Road (MP 11.750) to the Copper Basin Turn-off (MP 17.250).

I appreciate the opportunity to provide a list of congressionally-directed projects I requested that have received funding in the FY2010 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations bill on behalf of Idaho and provide an explanation of my support for them.

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HON. JUDY BIGGERT

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mrs. BIGGERT. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 3293, the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: U.S. Representative JUDY BIGGERT

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: Administration for Children and Families (ACF)—Social Services

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Little Friends, Inc.

Address of Requesting Entity: 140 N. Wright St., Naperville, IL 60540

Description of Remarks: Provide an earmark of \$200,000 for Little Friends, Inc. to offer evaluation and therapy services at an affordable rate. This funding also will enable Little Friends, Inc., to meet the increasing demand for their services. These early diagnosis and therapy services have been proven to be the most effective treatment in ameliorating the symptoms of children diagnosed with autism.

RECOGNITION OF THE BAINBRIDGE GRADUATE INSTITUTE

HON. JAY INSLEE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. INSLEE. Madam Speaker, in the first years of the 20th century, Gifford Pinchot fought to protect our nation's forests and rivers from unsustainable logging as the first Chief of the U.S. Forest Service. Nearly a century later, his grandson, Gifford Pinchot III, established the Bainbridge Graduate Institute, or BGI. The Institute, situated on a sustainably-designed 210 acre campus near Seattle, is dedicated to educating the business leaders of the 21st century in sustainable management. I am honored to recognize the Bainbridge Graduate Institute for helping to shape the sustainable leaders of tomorrow.

As we face the new challenges of the 21st century, successful businesses will have to consider environmental and social sustainability. The Bainbridge Graduate Institute of-

fers graduate degrees in Sustainable Business Administration as well as certificates in Sustainable Business and Entrepreneurship. The goal of these programs is to change the way companies operate and incorporate sustainability into business decisions.

Although it is a relatively new institution, the Bainbridge Graduate Institute is quickly garnering national recognition. In 2007, Business Week named BGI as one of its top global design schools, joining prestigious institutions such as the Harvard Business School, Rhode Island School of Design, and Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Last fall, BGI named Jon Strauss, former president of Harvey Mudd College, as its new president. The Institute's distinguished faculty includes graduates of Stanford Business School and Harvard University.

I am pleased that the Institute is also attracting support from the business world. Some companies, including technology giant Hewlett-Packard, indirectly support BGI by paying for their employees to attend its programs. Clearly, sustainable business practices appeal to even the largest companies. I believe that we can simultaneously grow our economy and improve the health of our environment. The Bainbridge Graduate Institute and programs like it give our economic leaders the knowledge needed to achieve both goals, and I am honored to recognize the Institute's achievements.

INTRODUCTION OF THE "INVESTOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE ACT OF 2009"

HON. MARY JO KILROY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Ms. KILROY. Madam Speaker, today I introduce legislation, the "Investor Advisory Committee Act of 2009," which would establish a permanent advisory committee within the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and give investors a greater voice in the Commission's work.

One of the most significant contributors to our economic downturn was the unraveling of major financial institutions and the lack of adequate regulatory structures to prevent abuse and excess.

Financial innovators produced a huge variety of new and complex financial instruments, but, instead of reducing risk, the markets actually magnified risks that were being taken by ordinary families and large firms alike.

Millions of Americans who worked hard and behaved responsibly saw their savings eroded by the irresponsibility of others and by the failure of their government to provide adequate oversight.

Reforms are needed to encourage sound risk management, long-term growth and value creation—not only at individual firms, but for our financial system and the economy as a whole.

A permanent Investor Advisory Committee will help advance these reforms by providing investors a greater voice within the SEC.