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### RECOGNIZING: K & T STEEL CORP

Mr. RISCH. Mr. President, as a senior member and former chairman of the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, each month I recognize and celebrate the American entrepreneurial spirit by highlighting the success of a small business in my home state of Idaho. Today I am pleased to honor K & T Steel Corp in Twin Falls as the Idaho Small Business of the Month for August 2021.

Purchased by William “Bill” Koch Sr. and Lavear Thornock in 1959, K & T Steel Corp is a fabricator and manufacturer of steel and reinforced bar products located in Idaho’s Magic Valley that is now owned by Gary Palmer and Jamin Wills. For more than six decades, the company has developed a reputation for its high-quality production of beams, rebar, and fuel storage tanks, among other specialty steel products. The company prides itself on tailoring its products and services to meet the unique needs of its clients.

The company’s prowess has led to its involvement in major projects throughout the state

of Idaho. In 2018, K & T fabricated the trellis pieces of a sky bridge that connects St. Luke’s Children’s Hospital with Idaho Elks Children’s Pavilion and in 2020, built the Shoshone Street Archway that was constructed as a tribute to the historic Perrine Memorial Bridge. K & T’s contributions to these celebrated projects encapsulate the company’s unique connection and commitment to Idaho and the Twin Falls community.

Additionally, K & T Steel Corp has a long-standing tradition of service to the community. The company donated a stairwell to the Twin Falls Optimist Youth Ranch in 2018, provided donations to St. Luke’s Magic Valley Health Foundation, and is a sponsor of the College of Southern Idaho’s Nuts, Bolts, and Thingamajigs camp for children aged 12-17.

Congratulations to Gary, Jamin and all of the employees of K & T Steel on being selected as the Idaho Small Business of the Month for August 2021. You make our great state proud, and I look forward to your continued growth and success.