

Michael was devoted to his family and his community. Throughout his career, he was always committed to public safety. He will forever be remembered as a leader who put his city's most vulnerable first, and may his commitment to selfless service be an example to us all.

Now, I ask that you join me in a moment of silence to honor the memory of Greensboro Police Officer Michael T. Horan.●

REMEMBERING KAREN ALEXANDER

● Mr. BUDD. Mr. President, I rise today to memorialize a servant leader of the great State of North Carolina. Mayor Karen Alexander of Salisbury went to her heavenly home far too soon on Sunday, December 29, 2024, at the age of 73 years young. Her colleagues and I will remember her as a loving, caring, and kind leader, always putting the needs of her city and the people she served above herself. She lived her life by the teachings of the Apostle Paul to Timothy: "And a servant of the Lord must not quarrel but be gentle to all, able to teach, patient, in humility correcting those who are in opposition, if God perhaps will grant them repentance, so that they may know the truth," 2 Timothy 2:24-25.

As an architect by trade, she founded her firm in 1989, where she led numerous renovation and design projects across the city. She was first elected to the city council in 2013. Not long after, she began serving as the mayor of Salisbury from 2015 to 2017 and later returned to the office in 2019. And she served as the president and board member of the North Carolina League of Municipalities.

Her initiatives as mayor brought new life to Salisbury's historic downtown area, improved public safety, and made life better for the city's residents. Throughout her career in public service, she was known for building consensus with class and grace.

Her relationships with her colleagues are described as being genuinely invested in the success of others. Her loving family will remember her as nurturing and supportive. As her daughter-in-law, Christy Mason Almazan, shared, "Karen had a way of making you feel like the very center of her attention. Her love was immense, and her presence was radiant."

The motto for the State of North Carolina is "Esse Quam Videri," Latin for "to be rather than to seem." I believe that Mayor Karen Alexander of Salisbury truly lived up to that standard and set the bar even higher.

Now, I ask that you join me in a moment of silence to honor the memory of Mayor Karen Alexander, a great North Carolinian who dedicated her life to public service.●

RECOGNIZING THE ROWAN COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

● Mr. BUDD. Mr. President, on March 19, 1925, the Rowan County Chamber of Commerce held its first annual meeting. For 100 years, the chamber has played a vital role in the growth and development of Rowan County, serving over 800 members and representing 60,000 employees.

Rowan County has a strong history of entrepreneurship and innovation, serving as the birthplace of some of North Carolina's most iconic businesses. In 1917, during a nationwide sugar shortage, the popular cherry soda Cheerwine was first crafted here. By the 1920s, it has become a favorite soft drink across the region, cementing its place as a symbol of Southern culture for over a century now. Likewise, in 1957, a modest local grocery store called Food Town opened its doors in Rowan County. Just a few decades later, it rebranded as Food Lion, and now is a household name with over 1,100 stores across 10 States, serving millions of families across the Southeast.

Since its founding, the Rowan Chamber has been a driving force behind the county's economic growth and business success. As a hub for collaboration, the chamber brings together businesses and community leaders, harnessing their collective expertise to tackle local challenges and advance economic development throughout the region.

From the beginning, the Rowan Chamber has been at the forefront of prioritizing community development. In their first annual report, in 1925, the chamber celebrated its efforts that brought Catawba College to Salisbury, promoted a new creamery for farmers to produce dairy products, and advocated for better roads. In more recent accomplishments, the chamber has been at the forefront of business advocacy, workforce and leadership development, and funding for transportation and education. The Rowan Chamber has also successfully advocated for infrastructure projects that have led to increased economic development across the county. The Yadkin River Bridge Project, I-85 four-lane expansion, the Old Beatty Ford Road exit, the Rowan County Airport expansion, and the development of the Paul E. Fisher Gateway Building are just some of the accomplishments that have been made possible by the chamber's concentrated efforts.

As a small business owner, myself, and a member of the Senate Commerce and Small Business Committees, I appreciate the efforts of President Elaine Spalding, the board of directors, and everyone at the Rowan Chamber of Commerce for their work to support business leaders and keep North Carolina an attractive place to live and work.●

RECOGNIZING AMAZING GLAZE

● Mr. RISCH. Mr. President, Idaho small businesses are the backbone of

our economy and our communities. These small businesses not only employ our friends and neighbors, but provide invaluable goods and services that showcase shared Idaho values. They are an intrinsic element of the Gem State and deserve to be celebrated.

I am proud to relaunch my successful statewide initiative Support Local Gems this year on June 6 to encourage Idahoans to support the small businesses that make our State thrive. As a member and former chairman of the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, I am pleased to honor Amazing Glaze during Support Local Gems as one of Idaho's Small Businesses of the Month for June 2025.

Amazing Glaze opened in 2017 when Dean and Katie Giesbrecht purchased Double Shot Donuts from Bob and Heather Ross. The Rosses initially aimed to start a local coffee shop featuring a small bakery with pastries and donuts. In hopes of replicating a family donut recipe, the Rosses underwent 2 weeks of trial and error to create the well-known potato donut, using mashed potatoes in the dough.

Since the owners of Double Shot never planned to run a donut shop, they approached Dean and Katie to see if they were interested in purchasing the business. Dean, who had always wanted to own a business, and his wife Katie jumped at the opportunity. Together, the Giesbrechts learned everything they could about making donuts and running the shop.

After renaming the company to Amazing Glaze, Dean and Katie continued to serve the beloved potato donuts—growing the treat's popularity to new heights. In just 2 years, Dean and Katie partnered with Idaho State University in Pocatello to open an Amazing Glaze kiosk in the Student Union Building on campus. The kiosk has been a great success, inspiring the couple to open a third Amazing Glaze location in Idaho Falls in 2024. The pair hopes to launch more locations and expand the business to the Treasure Valley in the years to come.

Congratulations to Dean and Katie Giesbrecht and all of the employees at Amazing Glaze for being selected as an Idaho Small Business of the Month for June 2025. You are an outstanding example of what it means to be one of Idaho's Local Gems. You make our great State proud, and I look forward to your continued growth and success.●

RECOGNIZING BLUETICK COFFEE

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Bluetick Coffee started in 2021 after Julie Kinskie and her family moved to Idaho County. As a new member of the community and coffee lover, Julie decided to open a coffee stand to meet her neighbors and embrace her new home. What started as a small coffee stand has grown to four locations in Riggins, Grangeville, New Meadows, and Kamiah, with plans to open a fifth stand soon.

Community comes first at Bluetick Coffee. Everything is locally sourced—with homemade baked goods from her friend Denise Vandyk and beef sticks from a nearby farm Cross O Meats. Julie also offers discounts to support local law enforcement, first aid professionals, and teachers.

Congratulations to Julie and all of the employees at Bluetick Coffee for being selected as an Idaho Small Business of the Month for June 2025. You are an outstanding example of what it means to be one of Idaho's Local Gems. You make our great State proud, and I look forward to your continued growth and success.●

RECOGNIZING BOND & BEVEL

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Bond & Bevel was born in the garage of Heath and Krista Albers in March of 2020. Heath had been looking for a good quality leather bag for years but could never justify the expense. When the world shut down in 2020, he had the time to learn how to make the bag of his dreams. He bought a full-grain leather cowhide and leathercraft tools and got to work.

As Heath fell in love with crafting leather goods, word got out of his new endeavor. Friends began to send him orders for a variety of leather products, and soon, what started as a hobby became a business. Krista created a website and social media pages to support Heath's growing popularity and established an online store.

In 2022, the Albers opened Bond & Bevel's brick-and-mortar store in Caldwell. Since then, Bond & Bevel has quickly become an integral part of the community. Now serving craft coffee, the store is a popular spot for Bible studies, work meetings, and monthly worship nights with local churches.

Congratulations to the Albers and all of the employees at Bond & Bevel for being selected as an Idaho Small Business of the Month for June 2025. You are an outstanding example of what it means to be one of Idaho's Local Gems. You make our great State proud, and I look forward to your continued growth and success.●

RECOGNIZING CLOVERLEAF CREAMERY

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I am proud to relaunch my successful statewide initiative Support Local Gems this year on June 6 to encourage Idahoans to support the small business owners and establishments that make our State special. As a member and former chairman of the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, I am pleased to honor Cloverleaf Creamery during Support Local Gems as one of Idaho's Small Businesses of the Month for June 2025.

Founded by Bill and Donna Stoltzfus, Cloverleaf Creamery has served Idahoans high-quality grass-fed dairy products for 18 years. Born and raised on his family's dairy farm in Pennsylvania, Bill has a lifelong love of the dairy industry. When Bill and his wife Donna saw demand for local, grass-fed dairy products in Buhl, they purchased Smith's Dairy in 2007 with the intent to sell their products directly to the consumer. Both their son and son-in-law, who also share ownership of Cloverleaf Creamery, helped to grow the business and purchased a 160-acre farm to grow feed for the dairy cows. Eric Stoltzfus is the plant manager of the creamery, while son-in-law Eric Butterworth is the manager of the farming operation.

Growing up on the family farm, Bill developed strong beliefs in the importance of responsibility, hard work, and the humane treatment of animals. Today, Bill runs Cloverleaf with the same high-quality standards—small herd numbers, grazing cattle on grass as the primary feed source, and managing the farm with careful attention to detail and respect for the animals. This level of care has proven successful, as Cloverleaf is now a staple across the Magic Valley and the Gem State.

The creamery continues to grow, gaining attention from local companies that have started selling Cloverleaf

products in their stores. Today, you can find Cloverleaf's ice cream, yogurt, and cream in Boise, Sun Valley, Twin Falls, and in Swensen's Market in Paul. In 2021, Bill's daughter and son-in-law Olivia and Eric Butterworth opened Cloverleaf Farm Market in Twin Falls. The market carries Cloverleaf products along with other items from small, local farms and businesses.

Congratulations to Bill and Donna Stoltzfus, Eric Stoltzfus, Olivia and Eric Butterworth, and all of the employees at Cloverleaf Creamery for being selected as an Idaho Small Business of the Month for June 2025. You are an outstanding example of what it means to be one of Idaho's Local Gems. You make our great State proud, and I look forward to your continued growth and success.●

RECOGNIZING HAWKTECH ARMS, INC.

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Founded in 1999 by Dan and Jami Hawkins, HawkTech Arms has become a mainstay for firearms enthusiasts and competitive shooters across the Pacific Northwest. What began as a way to generate hobby income to support a passion for shooting, HawkTech Arms has become an integral part of the firearms community in Idaho and beyond. With a special focus on encouraging the shooting sports community, HawkTech Arms sponsors local and regional matches in a variety of shooting disciplines. The business has also been recognized for its support of junior shooting programs designed to promote education and competitive shooting among youth.

As Idaho's leading suppressor dealer, HawkTech Arms is uniquely equipped to handle high-volume NFA sales and, as such, offers the largest selection for local shooters and collectors alike. HawkTech Arms is well known for providing top-quality products in the firearms industry, coupled with exceptional service to an ever-growing customer base. The business also holds a strong commitment to the military and law enforcement communities. Recognized as one of the highest volume law enforcement dealers in the Northwest region through GLOCK's