RECOGNIZING GT AIRINJECT, INC.

Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, as chairman of the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, it is my privilege to recognize a small business that has benefited from hard work, ingenuity, and international trade. To celebrate World Trade Month, it is important to recognize the limitless potential that exporting offers small businesses across the country. It is my distinct honor to name GT AirInject Inc., located in Jacksonville, FL, as the Senate Small Business of the Week.

Founded by Glen Black, GT AirInject is a family-owned manufacturer of air injection machines, which provide an efficient way to improve soil and lawn maintenance for golf courses and athletic fields. GT AirInject’s flagship product, the AIR2G2, solves the issues of soil compaction by injecting pressurized air into the soil, up to 12 inches deep, which fractures the natural forming of compact layers. Unlike traditional aeration methods that simply perforate the soil, the AIR2G2 injects air without damaging the turf surface. This revolutionary feature allows the course or field to be used immediately, making the AIR2G2 an ideal product for sport facilities and golf courses. In fact, GT AirInject’s products are utilized internationally, at world-renowned facilities such as St. Andrews Links in Scotland, the Boston Red Sox’s Fenway Park, the Green Bay Packers’ Lambeau Field, and Real Madrid’s Santiago Bernabeu Stadium.

In addition to the AIR2G2, GT AirInject has developed the AIR2HP. Perfect for both commercial and household use, the AIR2HP offers customers a more portable and dynamic product, while still providing the soil benefits of increased porosity, better water drainage, and improved root growth. The benefits of the AIR2G2 and the AIR2HP are not limited to improved soil quality. The efficient and effective designs of GT AirInject products allow recreational facilities to remain open after turf maintenance, simultaneously decreasing the facilities maintenance budget while increasing revenue.

GT AirInject’s commitment to manufacturing superior products, while maintaining an affordable price, has allowed them to become a world leader in air injection products. Exporting across the globe, GT AirInject products can be found throughout Europe, Asia, and Africa. Despite increased international demand, GT AirInject continues to manufacture its machines in Jacksonville.

GT AirInject’s commitment to quality and innovation has not gone unnoticed. The AIR2G2 won the prestigious 2016 HSBC Golf Business Forum Innovation Award and the 2015 Sports Turf Manager’s Association’s Innovation Award. Additionally, the AIR2HP was named as one of Lawn and Landscape magazine’s Twenty for 2017 New Product Award Program winners.

American made products are essential to the United States’ continued competitiveness in the global marketplace. GT AirInject is a tremendous example of a small business creating an innovative product that has generated global demand. They have grown internationally while continuing to create American jobs. It is with great pleasure that I name GT AirInject as the Senate Small Business of the Week. I wish Glen and the entire team nothing but success in their future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING THE MONTESORRI SCHOOL OF GREENVILLE

Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina. Mr. President, it is my privilege to recognize and commend the Montessori School of Greenville for nearly 50 years of community service and teaching. At the end of this month, former teachers, directors, local educators, alumni, and students will gather to honor this long-standing educational institution in the Upstate as they close their doors.

The Greenville Montessori School has been a true model of education, since its humble beginnings from a church basement in 1970. At that time, it was originally named the Montessori School in the State of South Carolina. Since then, it has maintained the authentic principles and practices of the Montessori curriculum and developed a skilled staff and educational materials that prepare training to countless teachers, helped establish other Montessori schools, and influenced alternative education models in the region and State.

This school developed a passion for learning, a sense of accountability, and a value for independent work in thousands of children in the Upstate. Many of these children grew up and sent their own children to this school, and it became a place for families and lifelong friends.

Today I celebrate the parents and educators who pushed and continue to push for improved educational offerings and programs like this one. Their work is informing and guiding the evolution of education across the country.

I would like to recognize and honor the Montessori School of Greenville and every type of K–12 school—public, private, charter school, homeschool, and online—that helps prepare our next generation for college, the workforce, and the amazing opportunities that lie ahead.

I pass along my sincerest gratitude to the many directors, educators, and local leaders involved with Greenville Montessori School in the past 50 years for contributing to and perpetuating the most important and precious opportunity we can offer our children: an education.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message from the President of the United States was communicated to the Senate by Ms. Ridgway, one of his secretaries.

PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

REPORT ON THE CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY THAT WAS ORIGINALLY DECLARED IN EXECUTIVE ORDER 13303 OF MAY 22, 2003, WITH RESPECT TO THE STABILIZATION OF IRAQ—PM 18

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report, which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

To the Congress of the United States:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, within 90 days before the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the Federal Register and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent to the Federal Register for publication the enclosed notice stating that the national emergency with respect to the situation of Iraq that was declared in Executive Order 13303 of May 22, 2003, is to continue in effect beyond May 22, 2019.

Obstacles to the orderly reconstruction of Iraq, the restoration and maintenance of peace and security in the country, and the development of political, administrative, and economic institutions in Iraq continue to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States. Therefore, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13303 with respect to the stabilization of Iraq.

DONALD J. TRUMP


MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 3:02 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by