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Raul Labrador Reaches 'Contender' Status Idaho Republican Takes Critical Second Step in 'Young Guns' Program

Washington- The National Republican Congressional Committee (NRCC) announced today that Republican Raul Labrador (ID-01) has reached 'Contender' status as part of its Young Guns program. 'Contender' status is the second step in the three-level program. Labrador now faces a new set of benchmarks to reach 'Young Gun' status in his bid to unseat vulnerable Democrat incumbent Walt Minnick (D-ID) this fall in Idaho's First Congressional District race.

Founded in the 2007-2008 election cycle by Reps. Eric Cantor (R-VA), Kevin McCarthy (R-CA) and Paul Ryan (R-WI), the Young Guns program is a member-driven organization dedicated to electing open-seat and challenger candidates nationwide. By achieving 'Contender' status, Labrador has already demonstrated his ability to build a successful campaign structure and achieve vital fundraising goals.

"Raul Labrador has met a series of rigorous fundraising and campaign goals that will go a long way in helping to put this seat in the Republican column," said NRCC Chairman Pete Sessions (R-TX). "Raul is part of a strong pool of candidates who are frustrated with the Democrat majority's big-government ways and aren't willing to stand by any longer. With such partisanship and reckless spending coming out of Washington, voters in Idaho are ready for new leadership."

Raul Labrador is a successful small businessman and the owner and managing partner of a law firm. Since 2006, He has served as one of the leading conservatives in the Idaho House of Representatives, taking the lead in fighting against efforts to raise taxes and proposing comprehensive tax relief for Idaho's families and businesses. Labrador has earned degrees from Brigham Young University and the University of Washington.

Raul Labrador now faces a new set of rigorous goals that will elevate him to the top level of the Young Guns program and help him build a competitive, effective and winning campaign.

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