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Commending Volkert, Inc. on the occasion of its 100th anniversary and its century of service to the State of Alabama and the United States.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 25, 2025

Mr. TUBERVILLE (for himself and Mrs. BRITT) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

RESOLUTION

Commending Volkert, Inc. on the occasion of its 100th anniversary and its century of service to the State of Alabama and the United States.

Whereas Volkert, Inc. was founded in 1925 and chartered “to act as Civil Engineers in all capacities”;

Whereas Volkert, Inc. established an office in Mobile, Alabama, in 1926, after being selected to develop the bridges of the Mobile Bay Causeway;

Whereas Volkert, Inc. played an integral role in the Mississippi River and Tributaries Project, following the Great Mississippi Flood of 1927;

Whereas, during World War II, Volkert, Inc. expanded the Alabama State Docks and developed dry docks for Lib-

erty Ships in support of the war effort's supply and logistics;

Whereas Volkert, Inc. partnered with the Waterman Steamship Company to expand the Port of Mobile and later became part of the Waterman Steamship Company under the leadership of David Volkert, an engineer and World War II test pilot;

Whereas, in 1946, Volkert, Inc. established its corporate headquarters in Mobile, Alabama, and in 1954, was acquired by David Volkert, who renamed the company in 1963;

Whereas Volkert, Inc. contributed to the early development of the National Interstate Highway System;

Whereas Volkert, Inc. designed the world's longest bridge over water at the time, the Lake Pontchartrain Causeway in Louisiana, which opened in 1969;

Whereas Volkert, Inc. established an employee stock ownership plan, making the company 100 percent employee-owned;

Whereas Volkert, Inc. designed the Interstate 10 Twin Bridges, the Mobile Bayway, which opened in 1978;

Whereas Volkert, Inc. designed Interstate 565, connecting Huntsville, Alabama to the interstate system, which opened in 1991;

Whereas Volkert, Inc. led the development of Alabama's only cable-stay bridge, the Cochrane Africatown Bridge in Mobile, Alabama, which opened in 1992;

Whereas Volkert, Inc. worked to preserve the USS Alabama and USS Drum in Battleship Memorial Park, which is

Alabama's most visited attraction and a National Historic Landmark;

Whereas Volkert, Inc. designed the restoration of Alabama's gulf coast at Bayou La Batre, following the catastrophic Hurricane Katrina;

Whereas Volkert, Inc. designed major infrastructure projects, including the interchange of Interstate 22 and Interstate 65 and the renewal of Interstate 59 in Birmingham, 2 of the largest transportation projects in the history of Alabama;

Whereas Volkert, Inc. has been inducted into the Alabama Engineering Hall of Fame, along with 3 of its leaders and 8 of its projects;

Whereas Volkert, Inc. continues to be headquartered in Mobile, Alabama, with over 1,500 employee owners in 60 offices across 25 States, including over 250 Alabamians;

Whereas Volkert, Inc. has consistently ranked among the top 100 engineering firms in the United States; and

Whereas Volkert, Inc. celebrated the 100th anniversary of its founding on February 4, 2025: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) commends Volkert, Inc. on the occasion of
3 its 100th anniversary and its century of service to
4 the State of Alabama and the United States;

5 (2) recognizes Volkert, Inc. for its significant
6 contributions to engineering, infrastructure, and economic
7 development; and

1 (3) respectfully requests that the Secretary of
2 the Senate transmit an enrolled copy of this resolu-
3 tion to—

4 (A) the Chief Executive Officer and Chair-
5 man of the Board of Volkert, Inc., Mr. Thomas
6 Hand; and

7 (B) the President and Chief Operating Of-
8 ficer of Volkert, Inc., Mr. Leon Barkan.

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