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SJR___ CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF VOLKERT,
INCORPORATED.

WHEREAS, it is a great pleasure to extend
commendations and congratulations to Volkert, Incorporated,
of Mobile, Alabama, on the occasion of celebrating its 100th
Anniversary on February 4, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Volkert, Incorporated, originally founded as
Doullut & Ewin, Incorporated, in New Orleans in 1925 by Paul
Doullut, Jr. and James P. Ewin, has grown from its origins
as a specialist in port, waterfront construction, and heavy
foundation projects to become one of the nation's top
engineering firms; and

WHEREAS, Volkert has made extraordinary contributions
to the fields of engineering and infrastructure development
over the past century, beginning with its work on major
projects such as the expansions to Tulane Stadium, also
known as the Sugar Bowl, in 1940 and the Alabama State Docks
to support World War II supply efforts in 1942; and

WHEREAS, in 1946, Volkert moved its corporate
headquarters to Mobile, under the leadership of David
Volkert, whose acquisition of the firm in 1954 solidified
its future growth and influence, leading to its renaming in
1963; and

WHEREAS, Volkert has been responsible for several



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29 iconic engineering projects, including the design of the
30 Lake Pontchartrain Causeway in 1969, recognized as the
31 world's longest bridge over water, and the Interstate-10
32 Bayway over Mobile Bay, completed in 1978, which remains the
33 seventh longest bridge in the United States; and

34 WHEREAS, Volkert demonstrated innovation and a
35 commitment to employee welfare by establishing an Employee
36 Stock Ownership Plan in 1975, making the company 100 percent
37 employee-owned and giving its associates a vested interest
38 in the firm's success; and

39 WHEREAS, Volkert has contributed to the advancement
40 of transportation infrastructure with projects such as the
41 Anacostia Freeway in Washington, D.C., one of the nation's
42 first controlled-access highways in 1963; I-565 through
43 Huntsville, Alabama, the largest project in the history of
44 the Alabama Department of Transportation at its completion
45 in 1991; and the interchange of I-22 and I-65 as well as the
46 renewal of I-59/20 in Birmingham, which were among the
47 largest transportation projects in Alabama's history; and

48 WHEREAS, Volkert has been recognized for excellence
49 in engineering with awards such as the ACEC Grand Award for
50 Engineering Excellence for its coastal restoration design
51 services following Hurricane Katrina, the NSPE Award for
52 Outstanding Engineering Achievement for the Cochrane
53 Africatown Bridge in Mobile, which is Alabama's only
54 cable-stay bridge, and is a member of the Alabama
55 Engineering Hall of Fame; and

56 WHEREAS, Volkert has played a vital role in the



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57 preservation of Alabama's history, including its work to
58 preserve the USS Alabama and USS Drum, Alabama's most
59 visited attraction and a National Historic Landmark; and

60 WHEREAS, Volkert's contributions extend to critical
61 economic infrastructure, such as the APM Container Terminal
62 at Choctaw Point, a \$300 million project essential to
63 Mobile's port operations; and

64 WHEREAS, Volkert's workforce includes over 1,500
65 employee-owners across 60 offices in 25 states, with more
66 than 250 employees based in Alabama; and

67 WHEREAS, Volkert has consistently been ranked among
68 the top 100 engineering firms in the nation, earning a
69 reputation for excellence, innovation, and integrity over
70 the past century; and

71 WHEREAS, through its visionary leadership and
72 dedicated workers, Volkert, Incorporated, continues to
73 flourish and to contribute immeasurably to the economic
74 growth and quality of life in the Mobile area; now
75 therefore,

76 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
77 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That on the occasion of
78 celebrating the milestone of its 100th Anniversary, Volkert,
79 Incorporated, is honored and commended, and by copy of this
80 resolution we extend highest tribute along with heartiest
81 congratulations to this venerable and valuable institution.