

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 10

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A RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate the owners and employees of T. Baker Smith, LLC, in celebrating a Century of Solutions.

WHEREAS, T. Baker Smith, LLC was founded in 1913 in Terrebonne Parish by T. Baker Smith, upon his graduation from Tulane University, as a one-man surveying and civil engineering operation; and

WHEREAS, Baker helped develop and build the early infrastructure in the southeast region of Louisiana, which included roads, bridges, and utility systems; and

WHEREAS, Baker was also a pioneer in the developing oil and gas industry by staking out leases, mapping pipeline rights-of-way, managing permits, and resolving numerous regulatory issues on behalf of some of the industry's largest and most successful companies; and

WHEREAS, Baker's son, Clifford, succeeded him in the family business and expanded operations to include integrated solutions in environmental science and regulatory compliance, and land development; and

WHEREAS, under Clifford's leadership, T. Baker Smith, LLC became a leader in the developing oil and gas industry by providing offshore surveying, civil, structural and coastal engineering, and program management; and

WHEREAS, Clifford's son, Kenneth, became the president and chief executive officer of T. Baker Smith, LLC in 2001; and

WHEREAS, under Kenneth's leadership, T. Baker Smith, LLC developed Geographical Information Systems hydrographic surveying, marine positioning, urban planning, and oyster assessment services; and

WHEREAS, since 2002, T. Baker Smith, LLC has established offices in Thibodaux, Lafayette, Baton Rouge, Shreveport, Houston, and San Antonio, in order to provide services to its growing customer base; and

WHEREAS, T. Baker Smith, LLC currently employs more than three hundred professional and support staff working throughout Louisiana and Texas; and

WHEREAS, throughout one hundred years and three generations of leadership, T. Baker Smith, LLC and the Smith family remain committed to its founding principles of precision, integrity, and ingenuity in providing tailored solutions to its clients; and

WHEREAS, over the last one hundred years, T. Baker Smith, LLC has developed into a top five hundred engineering, architectural, and environmental design firm in the United States, according to the Engineering News Record magazine.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and congratulate the owners and employees of T. Baker Smith, LLC in celebrating a Century of Solutions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Kenneth Wm. Smith, P.E., P.L.S., president and chief executive office of T. Baker Smith, LLC.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE