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Greetings:

As the 61st Mayor of Atlanta, I am pleased to welcome K9 Torque, Vertical Aviation International, and all attendees of VERTICON 2026 to the city of Atlanta.

VERTICON brings together aviation professionals, innovators, and enthusiasts from around the world, and we are proud to host this year's gathering at the renowned Georgia World Congress Center. As the home of Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport, Atlanta's history and future are tied to aviation, and events like this strengthen our position as a global center for aviation, aerospace education, and advanced transportation.

K9 Torque's presence at VERTICON, including her arrival aboard a Vietnam-era UH 1H Huey helicopter, honors the service of Army aviators, military working dogs, and combat veterans. Her record-setting career and outreach work have inspired veterans, families, and young people, including girls who see in her story a pathway into aviation-related careers. This farewell appearance at VERTICON is a moment that highlights both the technical excellence and the impactful stories that shape this industry.

On behalf of the people of Atlanta, I extend a warm welcome to K9 Torque, her team, and all who have come to participate in VERTICON 2026. Thank you for choosing Atlanta as your host city, and thank you for your commitment to aviation, education, and veteran recognition.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andre Dickens". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Mayor Andre Dickens