

SENATE RESOLUTION

8705

By Senators Padden, Baumgartner, Short, Frockt, Schoesler, Billig, Braun, Ericksen,  
and Wagoner

1           WHEREAS, Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories (SEL) is a one  
2 hundred percent employee-owned producer of products and services that  
3 protect electric power systems around the world, and has been  
4 headquartered in Pullman since 1984; and

5           WHEREAS, SEL's worldwide workforce recently surpassed five  
6 thousand two hundred employees, and the company has expanded its  
7 Pullman campus, which will add eight hundred fifty jobs, and expanded  
8 into a twenty-eight thousand square-foot facility in Spokane Valley  
9 that has the capacity to accommodate one hundred twenty employees;  
10 and

11           WHEREAS, SEL has established a positive reputation as an  
12 employer, being an early adopter of on-site, no copay employee health  
13 clinics, and offering a childcare center, Little Edison's School,  
14 which is celebrating its third anniversary, and providing career  
15 growth through apprenticeships and continuing education support; and

16           WHEREAS, The combination of SEL's expertise and reputation have  
17 earned the company extensive recognition that includes numerous best-  
18 employer awards and more recently the United States Energy  
19 Association award for 2016 Project of the Year, and in 2017 the  
20 Employer of the Year Award from the Association of Washington  
21 Business, in honor of the innovation, creativity and community spirit  
22 SEL embodies; and

1           WHEREAS, SEL has also benefited the lives of people well  
2 beyond Washington's borders, through such actions as donating to  
3 disaster-relief efforts in the United States and around the  
4 world, including contributions to Hurricane Harvey relief  
5 efforts in 2017, a generous donation to the Red Cross, and  
6 offering a disaster discount for products necessary to restore  
7 power systems after natural disasters; and

8           WHEREAS, SEL along with their President and Chief Technology  
9 Officer Dr. Edmund O. Schweitzer, III and his wife Beatriz are  
10 known for their philanthropy, including a contribution to  
11 Washington State University towards the Endowed Chair in Power  
12 Apparatus and Systems in the Voiland College of Engineering and  
13 Architecture, and significant support for infrastructure  
14 improvements at the Pullman-Moscow Regional Airport; and

15           WHEREAS, Dr. Edmund and Beatriz Schweitzer also have a long  
16 personal history of civic service and community support, as  
17 evidenced recently by their strong backing for construction of  
18 the new Trinity Catholic School in Spokane, the first school  
19 built in nearly fifty years by the Diocese of Spokane; and as  
20 recognized with the Outstanding Philanthropists Award from the  
21 United Way of Spokane County;

22           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State  
23 Senate honor and recognize the numerous and admirable  
24 achievements of Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories, as a  
25 leading employer in the state of Washington and a worldwide  
26 leader in engineering and technology that consistently  
27 exemplifies the values of integrity, creativity, and community  
28 service; and

29           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate  
30 honor and recognize the numerous and admirable achievements of  
31 Dr. Edmund O. Schweitzer, III and Beatriz Schweitzer for their  
32 strong sense of community and desire to better the lives of SEL  
33 employees and their families and countless other people and  
34 families in Whitman and Spokane counties and the nation; and

35           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
36 immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to Edmund  
37 and Beatriz Schweitzer and Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories.

1 I, Brad Hendrickson, Secretary of the Senate,  
2 do hereby certify that this is a true and  
3 correct copy of Senate Resolution 8705,  
4 adopted by the Senate  
5 March 2, 2018

6 BRAD HENDRICKSON  
7 Secretary of the Senate