

SENATE RESOLUTION

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By Senator Liiias

1       WHEREAS, Paul Allen, a Seattleite and Washingtonian through and  
2 through, lived a life dedicated to the great state of Washington and  
3 its residents, whom he loved and appreciated dearly; and

4       WHEREAS, In 1975 he founded Microsoft with his dear friend Bill  
5 Gates, whom he met while at Lakeside School; and

6       WHEREAS, He established the Paul G. Allen Family Foundation,  
7 alongside his sister Jody Allen, dedicated to bettering people's  
8 lives through: Tackling climate change; giving children access to  
9 immersive art experiences, and promoting strong education practices;  
10 addressing the issues of vulnerable populations; and promoting  
11 technological-based change around the world; and

12       WHEREAS, He saved the Seattle Seahawks in 1997 by purchasing the  
13 team in order to prevent our beloved Hawks from relocating to  
14 California, and under his leadership, the Hawks made back-to-back  
15 Super Bowl appearances; and

16       WHEREAS, He also saved the iconic Seattle Cinerama from being  
17 demolished by purchasing the theater and restoring it; and

18       WHEREAS, He founded yet another Seattle mainstay, the Experience  
19 Music Project - later renamed the Museum of Pop Culture - in order to  
20 inspire people through art and popular culture; and

21       WHEREAS, Paul Allen supported and contributed to the University  
22 of Washington in order to build the Paul G. Allen Center for Computer  
23 Science and Engineering; and

1       WHEREAS, Then, less than two decades later, he made yet another  
2 major contribution to the University of Washington to dramatically  
3 expand the University's computer science programs, inspiring the  
4 University to name the college of computer science and engineering  
5 after him; and

6       WHEREAS, He then launched the Allen Institute of Brain Science,  
7 using a singular approach to uncover the brain's mysteries and share  
8 valuable resources with the global community of neuroscientists; and

9       WHEREAS, Again showing his undying support of Seattle-based  
10 sports, he became an owner of the Seattle Sounders; and

11       WHEREAS, In 2014 he joined the global philanthropic fight against  
12 the Ebola outbreak in West Africa, showing that his need to help  
13 people knew no bounds; and

14       WHEREAS, He founded the Seattle Art Fair to show off the beauty  
15 of the Pacific Northwest by bringing all forms of art from all over  
16 the world to his beloved city; and

17       WHEREAS, He also was the founder of the Upstream Music Fest +  
18 Summit to celebrate music and to support local up and coming artists;

19       NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate  
20 recognize Paul Allen and all of the accomplishments that he achieved  
21 during his life. He was a true philanthropist who cared deeply about  
22 education, arts, and people and showed that "as long as we work  
23 together - with both urgency and determination - there are no limits  
24 to what we can achieve."

25       BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
26 immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to Paul  
27 Allen's sister, Jody Allen, and to the Allen family.

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