

SENATE RESOLUTION

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By Senator Palumbo

1 WHEREAS, Washington hospitality is the industry that serves. It
2 cares about its people, growing careers, and giving back to local
3 communities; and

4 WHEREAS, Our collective interest in food, beverages, and lodging
5 accommodations are a part of the past, present, and future of our
6 state; and

7 WHEREAS, As an industry filled with opportunity and hope,
8 hospitality is driven by the passion, determination, and spirit of
9 nearly three hundred thousand people in local communities across the
10 state; and

11 WHEREAS, Jobs in hospitality can positively transform lives. From
12 first jobs to second chances at employment and lifelong careers.
13 There is a place for everyone in hospitality; and

14 WHEREAS, A majority of the owners and operators who are attending
15 Hill Climb today began as dishwashers and front desk clerks. Their
16 success is not by chance — they have worked hard to get to where
17 they are today; and

18 WHEREAS, Hospitality businesses give back to their communities by
19 supporting local youth sports teams, reading programs, and teachers,
20 donating to local nonprofits and providing food and beverages for
21 community events; and

1 WHEREAS, These same businesses also give back to the state. In
2 2017, the hospitality industry generated 1.3 billion dollars in sales
3 tax and Business & Occupation Tax revenue; and

4 WHEREAS, As the hospitality industry makes up 10.1 percent of the
5 total workforce in Washington, hospitality employers are just as
6 passionate about their team members as they are with any other part
7 of their business. Strong and cohesive teams are essential to
8 succeeding in the industry; and

9 WHEREAS, Hospitality is a part of the fabric of America with 24.3
10 percent of the workforce born outside the United States and these
11 employees, like any other, are empowered to rise through the career
12 ladder; and

13 WHEREAS, Diversity and representation within the industry
14 continues to grow. Nearly one-third of lodging establishments and
15 restaurants are owned by women and additionally, nearly thirty
16 percent of hospitality businesses are minority-owned; and

17 WHEREAS, The Washington Hospitality Association is proud to serve
18 more than six thousand five hundred small, medium, and large
19 hospitality members in Washington state; and

20 WHEREAS, January 28, 2019, marks the twenty-second Hill Climb for
21 the organization, the largest grassroots day on the hill for the
22 hospitality industry;

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate
24 recognize the positive impact of the hospitality industry in
25 communities across Washington as it continues to create jobs and
26 contribute to the strength and economic vitality of our state; and

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
28 immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to the
29 membership of the Washington Hospitality Association, and Washington
30 Hospitality Association president and CEO, Anthony Anton.

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