

SENATE RESOLUTION

8657

By Senators Kuderer, Wellman, Dhingra, Nobles, and Short

1 WHEREAS, Women in Cloud is a global network of Women Tech
2 Founders, Executives, Tech Professionals, and Allies who are
3 committed to inspiring the tech ecosystem to be an inclusive force
4 for change and take collective action by providing a powerful
5 platform to collaborate, build community engagement, and unlock
6 \$1,000,000,000 in new net economic access by 2030; and

7 WHEREAS, Women In Cloud promotes conversations around its focus
8 areas of Cloud Workforce Development, Civic Engagement via Policy
9 Advocacy, Entrepreneurship and Cloud/AI Innovation, and Global
10 partnerships with corporations, community leaders, and policymakers
11 through events and initiatives; and

12 WHEREAS, Examples such as these are all united by the ESG and UN
13 Sustainable Development Goals that are driven by job creation,
14 diversity and inclusion, technology innovation, and sustainability,
15 giving women a powerful platform to accelerate as industry leaders;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, Women in Cloud has set initiatives that include
18 distributing over 3,000 cloud certifications scholarships, delivering
19 more than 50 executive leadership sessions, and recognizing over
20 2,578 women and allies in tech as role models; and

21 WHEREAS, Women in Cloud has made extraordinary efforts to achieve
22 over 80 companies becoming Cosell ready which secures over
23 \$20,000,000 in funding and created over 1,000 jobs in 5 years; and

1 WHEREAS, More than 3,500 companies benefited from influenced
2 DEI attestations and discovery within Microsoft Marketplaces;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, Women in Cloud boasts a membership of 100,000
5 individuals from 67 countries, with active participation from
6 the United States, Canada, India, Africa, the United Kingdom,
7 and Australia; and

8 WHEREAS, The empowHERaccess Campaign, launched by Women in
9 Cloud, has achieved a digital reach of 3 million within 2 years,
10 exemplifying their commitment to fostering a global community;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, A total of 45,000 members actively participated in
13 both online and in-person community events, showcasing the
14 organization's dedication to fostering engagement and
15 collaboration; and

16 WHEREAS, Women in Cloud has awarded 3,000 Cloud, Cyber, and
17 AI certification scholarships over two years, contributing to
18 the professional development of individuals in these critical
19 fields; and

20 WHEREAS, 2,547 individuals were recognized as role models
21 and 1,890 speakers were facilitated access through the efforts
22 of Women in Cloud, promoting diversity and representation; and

23 WHEREAS, Women in Cloud has been honored with 4 industry
24 awards, ranging from Forbes to Microsoft Supplier, attesting to
25 their excellence and impact within the technology sector; and

26 WHEREAS, Women in Cloud is an industry-leading platform for
27 women and allies to gain access to the knowledge, leaders, and
28 networks necessary to build successful and responsible
29 businesses in a new era of technological advancement;

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State
31 Senate recognize and commend the extraordinary accomplishments
32 of Women in Cloud, the powerful community of women luminaires
33 this resolution is creating, and the strides being made in the
34 pursuit of increased representation of women leaders in
35 professional and technological fields; and

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
37 immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to Women
38 in Cloud.

1 I, Sarah Bannister, Secretary of the Senate,
2 do hereby certify that this is a true and
3 correct copy of Senate Resolution 8657,
4 adopted by the Senate
5 January 25, 2024

6 SARAH BANNISTER
7 Secretary of the Senate