$\underline{\text{HOUSE}}$ RESOLUTION NO. 2020-4668, by Representatives Slatter, Ryu, Callan, Thai, and Dufault

- WHEREAS, Women in Cloud celebrates female entrepreneurs in the tech industry as a source of inspiration and support that connects and empowers women throughout Washington and beyond; and
- WHEREAS, Washington is home to many thriving tech companies; and WHEREAS, Women in Cloud cultivates partnerships with innovative companies, leaders, and governments to advance the success of women

7 in tech; and

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- WHEREAS, Women in Cloud strives to change industry narratives by creating economic access for women in the cloud economy; and
- 10 WHEREAS, The underrepresentation of women in tech leadership not 11 only harms technological development, societal and economic growth, 12 but is also unacceptable in the 21st century; and
- 13 WHEREAS, Only ten percent of leadership positions in the tech 14 industry are held by women and more than half of U.S. tech start-ups 15 lack female representation on their boards; and
- 16 WHEREAS, Fifty-six percent of women in tech fields leave their 17 positions midcareer, double the turnover rate for men; and
- WHEREAS, Female mentorship in tech fosters valuable skills in communication, leadership, adaptation, and networking; and
- 20 WHEREAS, Inclusivity and representation empower young women and 21 girls to pursue careers in tech; and

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1	WHEREAS, Women in Cloud connects female entrepreneurs with
2	leaders in business, tech, and politics to further opportunities for
3	growth and mentorship; and
4	WHEREAS, Women in Cloud is partnering with global leaders and
5	women entrepreneurs with an aim to create one billion dollars in
6	economic access in the public and private sector by 2030; and
7	WHEREAS, Women in Cloud will expand their accelerator programs in
8	2020 to reach eight additional countries including India and Canada;
9	and
10	WHEREAS, The 2021 Women in Cloud Summit will be an international
11	event dedicated to uplifting women in tech across North America,
12	India, Africa, and Europe;
13	NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State House
14	of Representatives recognize the achievements of the Women in Cloud
15	Initiative to foster opportunities for emerging women entrepreneurs
16	and leaders in the tech field around the world.
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18	I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of
19	Resolution 4668 adopted by the House of Representatives
20	February 27, 2020
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Bernard Dean, Chief Clerk

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