

SENATE RESOLUTION

8697

By Senators Kuderer and Dhingra

1       WHEREAS, Women in Cloud celebrates female entrepreneurs in the  
2 tech industry as a source of inspiration and support that connects  
3 and empowers women throughout Washington and beyond; and

4       WHEREAS, Washington is home to many thriving tech companies; and

5       WHEREAS, Women in Cloud cultivates partnerships with innovative  
6 companies, leaders, and governments to advance the success of women  
7 in tech; and

8       WHEREAS, Women in Cloud strives to change industry narratives by  
9 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 United States tech  
15 start-ups 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

18       WHEREAS, Female mentorship in tech fosters valuable skills in  
19 communication, leadership, adaptation, and networking; and

20       WHEREAS, Inclusivity and representation empower young women and  
21 girls to pursue careers in tech; and

1           WHEREAS, Women in Cloud connects female entrepreneurs with  
2 leaders in business, tech, and politics to further opportunities  
3 for growth and mentorship; and

4           WHEREAS, Women in Cloud is partnering with global leaders  
5 and women entrepreneurs with an aim to create one billion  
6 dollars in economic access in the public and private sector by  
7 2030; and

8           WHEREAS, Women in Cloud will expand their accelerator  
9 programs in 2020 to reach eight additional countries including  
10 India and Canada; and

11           WHEREAS, The 2021 Women in Cloud Summit will be an  
12 international event dedicated to uplifting women in tech across  
13 North America, India, Africa, and Europe;

14           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State  
15 Senate recognize the achievements of the Women in Cloud  
16 Initiative to foster opportunities for emerging women  
17 entrepreneurs and leaders in the tech field around the world.

18 I, Brad Hendrickson, Secretary of the Senate,  
19 do hereby certify that this is a true and  
20 correct copy of Senate Resolution 8697,  
21 adopted by the Senate  
22 February 27, 2020

23 BRAD HENDRICKSON  
24 Secretary of the Senate