

SENATE RESOLUTION

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By Senators Padden, Baumgartner, Short, Frockt, Schoesler, Billig, Braun, and Ericksen

1           WHEREAS, Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories (SEL) is a one  
2 hundred percent employee-owned producer of products and services that  
3 protect electric power systems around the world, and has been  
4 headquartered in Pullman since 1984; and

5           WHEREAS, SEL's worldwide workforce recently surpassed five  
6 thousand two hundred employees, and the company has expanded its  
7 Pullman campus, which will add eight hundred fifty jobs, and expanded  
8 into a twenty-eight thousand square-foot facility in Spokane Valley  
9 that has the capacity to accommodate one hundred twenty employees;  
10 and

11           WHEREAS, SEL has established a positive reputation as an  
12 employer, being an early adopter of on-site, no copay employee health  
13 clinics, and offering a childcare center, Little Edison's School,  
14 which is celebrating its third anniversary, and providing career  
15 growth through apprenticeships and continuing education support; and

16           WHEREAS, The combination of SEL's expertise and reputation have  
17 earned the company extensive recognition that includes numerous best-  
18 employer awards and more recently the United States Energy  
19 Association award for 2016 Project of the Year, and in 2017 the  
20 Employer of the Year Award from the Association of Washington  
21 Business, in honor of the innovation, creativity and community spirit  
22 SEL embodies; and

1       WHEREAS, SEL has also benefited the lives of people well beyond  
2 Washington's borders, through such actions as donating to disaster-  
3 relief efforts in the United States and around the world, including  
4 contributions to Hurricane Harvey relief efforts in 2017, a generous  
5 donation to the Red Cross, and offering a disaster discount for  
6 products necessary to restore power systems after natural disasters;  
7 and

8       WHEREAS, SEL along with their President and Chief Technology  
9 Officer Dr. Edmund O. Schweitzer, III and his wife Beatriz are known  
10 for their philanthropy, including a contribution to Washington State  
11 University towards the Endowed Chair in Power Apparatus and Systems  
12 in the Voiland College of Engineering and Architecture, and  
13 significant support for infrastructure improvements at the Pullman-  
14 Moscow Regional Airport; and

15       WHEREAS, Dr. Edmund and Beatriz Schweitzer also have a long  
16 personal history of civic service and community support, as evidenced  
17 recently by their strong backing for construction of the new Trinity  
18 Catholic School in Spokane, the first school built in nearly fifty  
19 years by the Diocese of Spokane; and as recognized with the  
20 Outstanding Philanthropists Award from the United Way of Spokane  
21 County;

22       NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate  
23 honor and recognize the numerous and admirable achievements of  
24 Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories, as a leading employer in the  
25 state of Washington and a worldwide leader in engineering and  
26 technology that consistently exemplifies the values of integrity,  
27 creativity, and community service; and

28       BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate honor  
29 and recognize the numerous and admirable achievements of Dr. Edmund  
30 O. Schweitzer, III and Beatriz Schweitzer for their strong sense of  
31 community and desire to better the lives of SEL employees and their  
32 families and countless other people and families in Whitman and  
33 Spokane counties and the nation; and

34       BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
35 immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to Edmund and  
36 Beatriz Schweitzer and Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories.

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