

**SENATE RESOLUTION
1998-8716**

By Senators Fraser, T. Sheldon, Swecker, B. Sheldon and Rasmussen

WHEREAS, Amelia Earhart encouraged women to expand their horizons by exploring occupations and holding positions beyond those traditionally held by women; and

WHEREAS, Amelia Earhart was a pioneer in aviation, the first woman to fly solo across the Atlanta and to receive the U.S. Distinguished Flying Cross; and

WHEREAS, Amelia Earhart was a beloved member of Zonta International before she was lost in the Pacific on a flight attempting to circle the globe by air in 1937; and

WHEREAS, Zonta International, a worldwide service organization of business and professional executives working to advance the status of women, has long recognized this woman of courage, character and culture; and

WHEREAS, In 1938, a year after Earhart's disappearance, Zonta International established its annual graduate Amelia Earhart's Fellowships in aerospace-related science and engineering; and

WHEREAS, In the 60 years since, Zonta has awarded 843 fellowships worth \$4.2 million to over 547 women from 51 countries as a living memorial to Earhart; and

WHEREAS, In the 60 years of the Zonta International Amelia Earhart Fellowship, Zontians worldwide celebrate Earhart's legacy through the achievement of those who have manufactured materials now on the moon, made commercial air flights safer, helped prevent fires in spacecraft and served as members on a NASA space shuttle crew;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the members of the Washington State Senate do hereby recognize the value of 60 years of the prestigious Zonta International Amelia Earhart Fellowships.

I, Mike O'Connell, Secretary of the Senate,
do hereby certify that this is a true and
correct copy of Senate Resolution 1998-8716,
adopted by the Senate March 6, 1998.

MIKE O'CONNELL
Secretary of the Senate