

SENATE RESOLUTION

8604

By Senators Liiias, Bailey, Becker, Brown, Carlyle, Cleveland, Conway, Das, Dhingra, Frockt, Hasegawa, Hunt, Keiser, McCoy, Mullet, Pedersen, Sheldon, Van De Wege, Wellman, Darneille, O'Ban, and Palumbo

1 WHEREAS, Paul Allen, a Seattleite and Washingtonian through and
2 through, lived a life dedicated to the great state of Washington and
3 its residents, whom he loved and appreciated dearly; and

4 WHEREAS, In 1975 he founded Microsoft with his dear friend Bill
5 Gates, whom he met while at Lakeside School; and

6 WHEREAS, He established the Paul G. Allen Family Foundation,
7 alongside his sister Jody Allen, dedicated to bettering people's
8 lives through: Tackling climate change; giving children access to
9 immersive art experiences, and promoting strong education practices;
10 addressing the issues of vulnerable populations; and promoting
11 technological-based change around the world; and

12 WHEREAS, He saved the Seattle Seahawks in 1997 by purchasing the
13 team in order to prevent our beloved Hawks from relocating to
14 California, and under his leadership, the Hawks made back-to-back
15 Super Bowl appearances; and

16 WHEREAS, He also saved the iconic Seattle Cinerama from being
17 demolished by purchasing the theater and restoring it; and

18 WHEREAS, He founded yet another Seattle mainstay, the Experience
19 Music Project - later renamed the Museum of Pop Culture - in order to
20 inspire people through art and popular culture; and

21 WHEREAS, Paul Allen supported and contributed to the University
22 of Washington in order to build the Paul G. Allen Center for Computer
23 Science and Engineering; and

1 WHEREAS, Then, less than two decades later, he made yet
2 another major contribution to the University of Washington to
3 dramatically expand the University's computer science programs,
4 inspiring the University to name the college of computer science
5 and engineering after him; and

6 WHEREAS, He then launched the Allen Institute of Brain
7 Science, using a singular approach to uncover the brain's
8 mysteries and share valuable resources with the global community
9 of neuroscientists; and

10 WHEREAS, Again showing his undying support of Seattle-based
11 sports, he became an owner of the Seattle Sounders; and

12 WHEREAS, In 2014 he joined the global philanthropic fight
13 against the Ebola outbreak in West Africa, showing that his need
14 to help people knew no bounds; and

15 WHEREAS, He founded the Seattle Art Fair to show off the
16 beauty of the Pacific Northwest by bringing all forms of art
17 from all over the world to his beloved city; and

18 WHEREAS, He also was the founder of the Upstream Music Fest
19 + Summit to celebrate music and to support local up and coming
20 artists;

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State
22 Senate recognize Paul Allen and all of the accomplishments that
23 he achieved during his life. He was a true philanthropist who
24 cared deeply about education, arts, and people and showed that
25 "as long as we work together - with both urgency and
26 determination - there are no limits to what we can achieve."

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
28 immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to Paul
29 Allen's sister, Jody Allen, and to the Allen family.

30 I, Brad Hendrickson, Secretary of the Senate,
31 do hereby certify that this is a true and
32 correct copy of Senate Resolution 8604,
33 adopted by the Senate
34 January 21, 2019

35 BRAD HENDRICKSON

1 Secretary of the Senate