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Introduced By:

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A MOTION commending Microsoft Corporation for its superb leadership, encouraging Microsoft to continue in its present direction, and requesting local, state, and national leaders to be supportive of Microsoft and the principles of free enterprise that have allowed Microsoft to flourish.

WHEREAS, Microsoft Corporation is the world's leading software company, and

WHEREAS, Microsoft has skillfully advanced technology to the point where

computers have made our lives better, safer, and more rewarding, and

WHEREAS, Microsoft has helped create countless family wage jobs and has helped generate greater prosperity in every state in our nation, and 12

WHEREAS, Microsoft epitomizes the spirit of the free enterprise system at its best, in which talent, inspiration, hard work, and an impressive vision of the future account for increased productivity, economic development, and job creation, and

WHEREAS, Microsoft has reached out to the world, and through its professional 16 17 and charitable efforts has contributed greatly in diverse ways to communities throughout the nation, ranging from helping to protect our environment to educating our children, and 18

19 WHEREAS, some critics have unfairly attacked Microsoft, including critics who 20 are not aware of Microsoft's many contributions, who are disgruntled competitors jealous 21 of Microsoft's outstanding successes, or who have other ulterior motives;

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NOW, THEREFORE BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:

A. Microsoft Corporation is to be commended for its superb leadership and should be encouraged to continue in its present direction.

B. Local, state, and national leaders are requested to be supportive of Microsoft and the principles of free enterprise and protection of intellectual property rights that have allowed Microsoft to flourish.

C. The Clerk of the King County Council shall transmit copies of this motion to the president and vice president of the United States, the speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, the majority leader of the U.S. Senate, the attorney general of the United States, the attorney general of each of the fifty states, each member of the congressional delegation from the state of Washington, the governor and lieutenant governor of the state of Washington, the speaker of the Washington State House of Representatives, and the majority leader of the Washington State Senate.

PASSED by a vote of <u>13</u> to <u>D</u> this <u>15</u> day of <u>DECEMBER</u>

KING COUNTY COUNCIL KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Clerk of the Council

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