RESOLUTION
CONGRATULATING AND CONFERRING THE CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF DISTINCTION TO MS. YUKA SASO FOR WINNING THE 2021 UNITED STATES WOMEN’S OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP HELD AT THE OLYMPIC CLUB IN SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

WHEREAS, Ms. Yuka Saso was born to Filipina mother, Fritzie Saso and Japanese father, Masakazu Saso on June 20, 2001, in San Ildefonso, Bulacan;

WHEREAS, on June 6, 2021, Ms. Yuka Saso, the Philippines’ lone entry to the 2021 United States (U.S.) Women’s Open emerged as the winner, and at 19 years, 11 months, 17 days old, joined the World Golf Hall of Famer and 2008 U.S. Women’s Open winner, Inbee Park of South Korea, as the youngest champion in the U.S. women’s golf history to this day;

WHEREAS, Ms. Yuka Saso is the first golf player from the Philippines to have her name engraved on, and received the custody for one year the Harton S. Semple Trophy from the U.S. Golf Association, which symbolizes the most prestigious title in women’s golf;

WHEREAS, as the winner of the 2021 U.S. Women’s Open, Ms. Yuka Saso was awarded a $1,000,000 check; the Mickey Wright Medal; exemption from qualifying hurdles for the next 10 U.S. Women’s Opens; exemptions from the requirements to qualify into the next five AIG Women’s British Opens, KPMG
WHEREAS, Ms. Yuka Saso enjoyed a very successful junior and amateur career and the 2020 Athlete of the Year award conferred by the Philippine Sportswriters Association pulled together her past accolades which include, top awards for the 2019 Philippine Ladies Open, Girl's Junior PGA Championship; the Women’s Individual Golf Tournament during the 18th Asian Games in Jakarta and Palembang, Indonesia; 2018 Philippine Ladies Open Champion and the 2018 Victorian Junior Masters Championship in Australia; 2017 Philippine Amateur Open Championship, Philippine Junior Amateur, Philippine Amateur Open Match Play Championship; 2016 Philippine Junior Amateur, Philippine Junior Amateur Match Play, World Junior Girls Championship; 2015 Kartini Cup; and 2014 Sabah International Junior Masters, Visayas Regional Amateur and ALM Tournament;

WHEREAS, the 76th U.S. Women’s Open which was held on June 3 to 6, 2021 at the iconic Olympic Club in San Francisco, California, was popularly known as the “Graveyard of Champions,” for the debacles inexplicably encountered by a number of past U.S. Men’s Open champions who lost their titles at this site’s fabled and challenging courses;

WHEREAS, Ms. Yuka Saso’s historic victory at the 76th U.S. Women’s Open highlighted the Philippines in the international golf sports arena and her past victories solidified her position in the Philippine golf community, bolstered hopes for the country’s first Olympic gold medal, and sent the strongest message that the Philippines is ready to bring home the top award for women’s golf at the Tokyo Olympics slated on July 23 to August 8, 2021;

WHEREAS, during the Seventeenth Congress, several resolutions were also filed in the House of Representatives commending Ms. Yuka Saso for her achievements and awards received, and expressing full support in all her future golf tournaments;

WHEREAS, Ms. Yuka Saso’s perseverance, as she climbed her way to become one of the youngest and formidable lady golfers, has brought great pride and honor to our country: Now, therefore, be it,

RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, To congratulate and confer the Congressional Medal of Distinction to Ms. Yuka Saso
for winning the 2021 United States Women’s Open Championship held at the Olympic Club in San Francisco, California.

RESOLVED, FURTHER, That a copy of this Resolution be given to Ms. Yuka Saso.

Adopted,

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