A RESOLUTION
CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING FILIPINO-JAPANESE YUKA SASO FOR WINNING THE 2021 UNITED STATES WOMEN'S OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

WHEREAS, the U.S. Women's Open is one of nine national golf championships conducted by the United States Golf Association (USGA) and is the oldest of the LPGA Tour's five major championships;

WHEREAS, history was made Filipino-Japanese Yuka Saso became the first Filipino to win the US Women's Open;

WHEREAS, 19 year old Saso also tied the record for the youngest ever to win the US Women's Open;

WHEREAS, Saso was born to a Filipino mother and a Japanese father in San Ildefonso, Bulacan;

WHEREAS, when she was 4 years old, she moved to Japan but would later move back to the Philippines and start playing golf;

WHEREAS, she started competing at nine years old against older junior golfers, and represented the Philippines in an international tournament for the first time in the 2011 US Kids golf tournament;

WHEREAS, she won the 2016 World Junior Girls Championship, the Philippine Junior Amateur tournaments in 2016 and 2017 and the 2018 Philippine Ladies Open;

WHEREAS, Saso won 2 gold medals representing the Philippines in the 2018 Asian Games, one for the women's team event and one for the women's individual event;
WHEREAS, she turned professional in 2019 in the Japan LPGA, won two straight titles in her rookie season, and was 13th place in the 2020 US Women's Open;

WHEREAS, she is the Filipino to win in the Japan Ladies Professional Golf Association (JLPGA) and she was named 2020 Athlete of the Year by the Philippine Sportswriters Association (PSA);

WHEREAS, her victory in the 2021 US Women's Open will be an inspiration to many aspiring young golfers in the country

WHEREAS, there is no doubt that she will continue to bring pride to the country and that she has a very bright future ahead in the sport of golf.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives congratulates and commends Filipino-Japanese Yuka Saso for winning the 2021 United States Women's Open Championship

Adopted,

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