SENSE OF THE SENATE RESOLUTION
Honoring Professor Yoshihiro Uchida for His 70 Years of Service to San José State University

Whereas, Professor Yoshihiro Uchida began coaching judo at SJSU in 1940 as an undergraduate student, interrupting his studies to serve in the U.S. Army (while his family was relocated to an internment camp), and then returning to finish a degree in Biological Science and continue coaching; and

Whereas, As coach, Professor Uchida has led SJSU’s judo team to 51 national championships (in the 57 years of the tournament) and has been the chief force behind the University’s most successful sport; and

Whereas, Professor Uchida was instrumental in having judo sanctioned by the U.S. Amateur Athletic Union in 1953 and then making judo an official Olympic sport; he coached the first U.S. Olympic judo team at the 1964 Tokyo Olympics, where they won bronze, and has coached and mentored Olympic athletes ever since, most recently in 2016 in Rio de Janeiro; and

Whereas, Professor Uchida has been recognized and celebrated in many ways, including having a building on SJSU’s main campus named after him (see University Policy F96-10); winning prestigious awards such as the Order of the Sacred Treasure (Japan’s highest honor for a non-citizen) in 1986, SJSU’s Tower Award in 1992, and a Doctorate in Humane Letters from SJSU in 2004; and being inducted into the San José Sports Hall of Fame in 1996; and

Whereas, Professor Uchida has taught with distinction, honor, and a deep commitment to students through the Department of Kinesiology (formerly Human Performance) since 1999; and
Whereas, Generations of SJSU students have revered Professor Uchida as a role model for his exemplary teaching, coaching, courage, determination, and wisdom; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Academic Senate of San José University offer profound gratitude to Professor Yoshihiro Uchida for his 70 years of service to the University and especially to the University’s students; and be it further

Resolved, That the Academic Senate of San José State University congratulate Professor Yoshihiro Uchida for reaching this extraordinary milestone.

Approved: March 5, 2018
Vote: There was no dissent.
Present: Feinstein, Shifflett, Sullivan-Green, Peter, Wong(Lau), Riley, Mathur, Willey, Schultz-Krohn, Faas, Papazian, Lee
Absent: Frazier, Manzo, Van Selst
Financial Impact: None
Workload Impact: None