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**SS-S18-1, Sense of the Senate Resolution, Honoring  
Professor Yoshihiro Uchida for His 70 Years of Service to  
San José State University**

**Legislative History:** At its meeting of March 12, 2018, the Academic Senate unanimously approved the following Sense of the Senate Resolution presented by Senator Frazier for the Executive Committee.

**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