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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Champions Golf Club in Houston added a chapter to
2 its storied history by hosting the 2020 U.S. Women's Open, a major
3 tournament that is recognized as one of the world's premier golf
4 championships; and

5 WHEREAS, The staff at Champions Golf Club rose to meet the
6 unique challenges of staging the 75th U.S. Women's Open, which was
7 rescheduled from June 2020 to December due to concerns about the
8 COVID-19 pandemic; in preparation for the winter event, which was
9 held December 10 to 14, Champions officials renovated the
10 Jackrabbit and Cypress Creek Courses with significant improvements
11 to bunkers, fairways, tee boxes, and greens; the tournament was
12 held on two different courses for the first time, and A Lim Kim of
13 South Korea birdied her final three holes on the Cypress Creek
14 layout to emerge victorious; and

15 WHEREAS, Champions Golf Club was founded in 1957 by golfing
16 greats Jackie Burke Jr. and Jimmy Demaret; they enlisted fellow
17 Houstonian Ralph Plummer to design the Cypress Creek Course, which
18 opened in 1959, while George Fazio designed the Jackrabbit Course
19 that was unveiled in 1964; including the 2020 U.S. Women's Open,
20 Champions has now been home to five USGA national events; it first
21 gained widespread acclaim by hosting the 1967 Ryder Cup, followed
22 by the 1969 U.S. Open, the 1993 U.S. Amateur event, and the 1998 and
23 2017 Women's Mid-Amateur competitions; in 1990, 1997, 1999, 2001,
24 and 2003, Champions welcomed the PGA Tour Championship; and

1 WHEREAS, For more than five decades, Champions Golf Club has
2 brought premier golf competitors to the Lone Star State by serving
3 as the site of prestigious championships and events, and it is
4 indeed deserving of special recognition for its myriad
5 contributions to the sport; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
7 Legislature hereby congratulate Champions Golf Club on hosting the
8 2020 U.S. Women's Open and extend to all those associated with the
9 club sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

10 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
11 prepared for Champions Golf Club as an expression of high regard by
12 the Texas House of Representatives.