COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING MICHELLE WIE

WHEREAS, Michelle Sung Wie was born to Bo and B.J. Wie on October 11, 1989 and is currently a student at Punahou School; and

WHEREAS, Michelle began playing golf at age four, even then demonstrating her determination, power and skills; and

WHEREAS, in 1999, at the age of ten, Michelle led the field in her first tournament, an Oahu Junior GA event; and

WHEREAS, in 2000, Michelle established what is still a personal best from a set of 5,400-yard tees at Olomana GL when she shot a 64; and

WHEREAS, at age eleven, Michelle became the youngest player ever to qualify in the U.S. Women's Amateur Public Links Championship; and

WHEREAS, Michelle received a signed proclamation from Governor Ben Cayetano, designating "Michelle Wie Day" on May 23, 2001, in recognition of her becoming the youngest player ever to win the Jennie K. Wilson Invitational , the most prestigious women's amateur tournament in Hawai'i; and

WHEREAS, in 2003, Michelle became the youngest player, at age 13, to win the USGA Women's Amateur Public Links Championship; and

WHEREAS, in 2004 at the Sony Open in Hawai'i, Michelle became the youngest participant at age 14 and the first female to score in the sixties on the PGA Tour; and

WHEREAS, Michelle, nicknamed The Big Wiesy, is a member of the Hawai'i State Junior Golf Association and an Honors student who enjoys reading, drawing, computers and is interested in a Ph.D. in business or finance; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-Second Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2004, that this body proudly congratulates Michelle Sung Wie for being Hawai'i's golf treasure; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senate sincerely commends Michelle for all of her many accomplishments and expresses its best wishes for her future.