

NINETEENTH COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA
ISLANDS YOUTH CONGRESS

Second Session, 2023

Y.C. Res. No. 19- 02

A YOUTH CONGRESS RESOLUTION

To recognize and commend Ms. Jill Anne Mallari of Mount Carmel School on winning the 32nd Annual Attorney General's Cup Speech Competition through her remarkable speech and skills.

1 **WHEREAS**, the Commonwealth recognizes and commends the outstanding
2 accomplishments achieved by our youth; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the much-anticipated Attorney General's Cup Speech
4 Competition (Attorney General's Cup), held annually since 1984, is known as one
5 of the most prestigious student competitions within the Commonwealth; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the Attorney General's Cup presents pressing issues facing the
7 Commonwealth to high school students that they may form their argument on the
8 issue, conduct their research, and advocate for their position before a prominent
9 panel of judges; and

10 **WHEREAS**, based on the ruling of the United States Supreme Court in
11 regards to the issue of affirmative action in college admissions, the students were
12 given a total of six questions to address in their speech in which students discussed
13 a variety of issues when analyzing whether college admissions should continue to
14 allow affirmative action in higher education; and

15 **WHEREAS**, students who agreed that affirmative action should still be
16 allowed in college admissions defended their opinion as to why it's fair for colleges
17 to base acceptances on race; and

1 **WHEREAS**, students who disagreed with the topic had to defend their
2 position as to why the college admissions policies should not continue to allow
3 affirmative action in higher education; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the students who participated in the 32nd Attorney General’s
5 Cup Speech Competition exhibited thorough arguments in defense of their position
6 regarding affirmative action within college admissions; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the long hours of research, countless drafts, and daily practices
8 of the students in preparation for the deliverance of their speeches resulted in the
9 selection of three students as the overall winners of the 32nd Attorney General’s
10 Cup Speech Competition, in which first place honors went to Ms. Jill Anne Mallari
11 of Mount Carmel School; and

12 **WHEREAS**, with Ms. Mallari’s achievement, through her remarkable speech
13 and deliverance, Mount Carmel School attained its twentieth victory in the Attorney
14 General’s Cup competition; and

15 **WHEREAS**, the Youth Congress strongly encourages the involvement of
16 our youth in addressing the matters affecting our Commonwealth and most
17 especially its students, and commends them for their courage to take a stand and
18 present their positions on these real issues in front of the prestigious panel of judges;
19 and

20 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Nineteenth
21 Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Youth Congress, that the Youth
22 Congress hereby recognizes and commends Ms. Jill Anne Mallari of Mount Carmel
23 School on winning the 32nd Annual Attorney General’s Cup Speech Competition;
24 and

25 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Sponsor of this Resolution or the
26 designee of the Speaker of the Youth Congress shall present a certified original
27 copy of this Youth Congress Resolution to Ms. Jill Ann Mallari; and

28 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Speaker of the Youth Congress
29 shall certify, and the Youth Congress Legislative Secretary shall attest to the

1 adoption of this resolution and thereafter shall transmit a certified copy to the
2 Honorable Edmund S. Villagomez, Speaker of the House of Representatives (23rd
3 Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature); Honorable Edith E. DeLeon
4 Guerrero, President of the Senate (23rd Northern Marianas Commonwealth
5 Legislature); the Honorable Arnold I. Palacios, Governor of the Commonwealth of
6 the Northern Mariana Islands; and the Honorable Gregorio Kili Camacho Sablan,
7 CNMI Delegate to the House of Representatives (118th United States Congress).

Date: 06/13/2023

Introduced by:



Senator Maili Ilareyo'l B. Peter