

**NINETEENTH COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN  
MARIANA ISLANDS YOUTH CONGRESS**

SECOND REGULAR Session, 2023

Y.C. Res. No. 19- 03

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**A YOUTH CONGRESS RESOLUTION**

Commending Grace Christian Academy for participating and winning the 2023 CNMI Academic Challenge Bowl Competition.

- 1           **WHEREAS**, it is the intent of this Legislative Body to commend and pay  
2           tribute to those young individuals who have inspired and brought pride to our  
3           Commonwealth by achieving outstanding success in educational competition; and  
4           **WHEREAS**, the Academic Challenge Bowl Competition was organized  
5           and held by Saipan Southern High School's National Honor Society; and  
6           **WHEREAS**, prior to the 2023 Academic Challenge Bowl Competition,  
7           there were 16 successful years of the competition; and  
8           **WHEREAS**, the following schools that participated in the 2023 Academic  
9           Challenge Bowl Competition were Dandan Middle School, Francisco M. Sablan  
10          Middle School, Grace Christian Academy, Green Meadow School, Hopwood  
11          Middle School, Mount Carmel School, Northern Marianas International School,  
12          and Saipan International School; and  
13          **WHEREAS**, the Academic Challenge Bowl Competition was held on  
14          March 25, 2023 at the Saipan Southern High School cafeteria; and  
15          **WHEREAS**, the Academic Challenge Bowl is a middle school level  
16          competition ranging from grades sixth (6<sup>th</sup>), seventh (7<sup>th</sup>), and eighth (8<sup>th</sup>); and  
17          **WHEREAS**, the questions for the competition came from the following  
18          subject areas: Science, NMI History, World History, US History, Geography,

1 English/Language Arts, Math, Computer, Music, Arts, Sports, and Current Events  
2 in the CNMI, US and World; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the Grace Christian Academy Academic Bowl Team  
4 consisted of the following students: Ana Villagomez, Yu Xuan Zheng, Frances  
5 Raho, Rafael Ablog, and Llyanna Jairah Libut; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the Grace Christian Academy Academic Bowl Team was  
7 coached by Mrs. Susan Pajarillaga; and

8 **WHEREAS**, the Grace Christian Academy Academic Bowl Team placed  
9 first (1<sup>st</sup>) in the 2023 Academic Challenge Bowl Competition; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the Grace Christian Academy Academic Bowl Team got the  
11 chance to represent the CNMI in Chicago for the Middle School National  
12 Championship Tournament; and

13 **WHEREAS**, the Middle School National Championship Tournament was  
14 held on May 12-14, at the Hyatt Regency in Rosemont, Illinois; and

15 **WHEREAS**, the inspiring team demonstrated profound dedication in their  
16 quest to win the 2023 Middle School Academic Challenge Bowl Competition  
17 through practices held three times a week; and


18 **WHEREAS**, the Grace Christian Academy Academic Bowl Team's  
19 noteworthy achievements are a tremendous source of pride for their families,  
20 school, and community; and

21 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Nineteenth  
22 Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Youth Congress, that the Youth  
23 Congress congratulates the Grace Christian Academy Academic Bee team on their  
24 success in the 2023 Academic Challenge Bowl Competition; 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. Beth Nunez, Principal of Grace  
28 Christian Academy; and

1           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Speaker of the Youth Congress  
2 shall certify, and the Youth Congress Legislative Secretary shall attest to the  
3 adoption of this commemorative resolution and thereafter shall transmit a certified  
4 copy to the Honorable Edmund S. Villagomez, Speaker of the House of  
5 Representatives (23rd Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature); Honorable  
6 Edith E. DeLeon Guerrero, President of the Senate (23rd Northern Marianas  
7 Commonwealth Legislature); the Honorable Arnold I. Palacios, Governor of the  
8 Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; the Honorable Gregorio Kili  
9 Camacho Sablan, CNMI Delegate to the House of Representatives (118<sup>th</sup> United  
10 States Congress).

Date: 06/12/2023

Introduced by:   
Senator Ayden Sean C. Yumul