

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

**60TH REGULAR** Session, 2024

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**A YOUTH CONGRESS RESOLUTION**

Recognizing the Tinian Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (JROTC) Stallion Battalion for their ongoing commitment to environmental stewardship within the tiny community of Tinian.

- 1           **WHEREAS**, the Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (JROTC) is a  
2 military-like program sponsored by the United States (U.S.) Armed Forces that is  
3 offered to high school students throughout the U.S. and its territories; and  
4           **WHEREAS**, the JROTC program was established in 1916 by the National  
5 Defense Act, signed into law by President Woodrow Wilson; and  
6           **WHEREAS**, in 1993, the Army JROTC program was established at Tinian  
7 High School and was recognized as the Stallion Battalion in 1995; and  
8           **WHEREAS**, the Stallion Battalion is currently directed by the Senior Army  
9 Instructor Captain Joseph A. Santos U.S. Army retired and Army Instructor First  
10 Sergeant Jose T. King U.S. Army (Ret.); and  
11           **WHEREAS**, the official mission of Army JROTC is "to motivate young  
12 people to be better citizens"; and  
13           **WHEREAS**, to uphold the mission of JROTC, the army instructors have  
14 worked diligently together to help produce driven cadets at Tinian High School;  
15 and  
16           **WHEREAS**, throughout the years, the Stallion Battalion has initiated  
17 various programs encompassing the true meaning of becoming a better citizen; and

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1           **WHEREAS**, one of the most influential sub programs that the Stallion  
2 Battalion has created is the Tinian JROTC Recycling Program; and

3           **WHEREAS**, the program was first established in 2018 by former cadet Isa  
4 Ha’ani Long. The purpose of the program was to promote recycling efforts  
5 throughout the island of Tinian; and

6           **WHEREAS**, shortly after the recycling program was initiated, a series of  
7 catastrophic events such as Super Typhoon Yutu and the Covid-19 Pandemic led  
8 to a temporary suspension of the program; and

9           **WHEREAS**, in 2022, the Tinian JROTC Stallion Battalion was able to  
10 reinstate the suspended program during the cadets’ Project Based Learning (PBL)  
11 period; and

12           **WHEREAS**, in the PBL period, cadets were tasked to conceive a  
13 sustainable plan that would further promote recycling efforts among the youth and  
14 community on Tinian through the collection of aluminum cans; and

15           **WHEREAS**, the cadets of the Stallion Battalion were broken down into  
16 three teams consisting of the Data team, Education team, and Collection team; and

17           **WHEREAS**, each team worked collaboratively to host presentations on  
18 recycling to the community, spearheaded various environmental conservation  
19 efforts such as trash pick-ups and a friendly recycling competition; and

20           **WHEREAS**, through proving their commitment to environmental  
21 stewardship, the Stallion Battalion was able to gain recognition by the Tinian  
22 Mayor’s Office during Tinian’s first ever America Recycles Day ceremony.  
23 Additionally, the program received a trailer and recycle bins to support their  
24 ongoing recycling efforts; and

25           **WHEREAS**, one substantial event that the Stallion Battalion Recycling  
26 Program has pioneered was the Tinian JROTC Recycling Contest in which each  
27 class from Tinian Elementary School competed against each other to collect the  
28 most cans in exchange for a pizza party; and

1           **WHEREAS**, Tinian JROTC was able to collect and count a total of 14,080  
2 aluminum cans over the course of one month through the recycling contest  
3 contributing to the total of 15,625 aluminum cans collected as of January 2024; and

4           **WHEREAS**, to ensure that the cans were disposed of properly, Tinian  
5 JROTC submitted the cans to the Recycling Redemption Initiative 555 PROMO  
6 hosted by the Office of the Governor and the Office of the Lt. Governor in  
7 collaboration with the Office of Grants and Management and State Clearinghouse  
8 and received over \$500 in exchange; and

9           **WHEREAS**, the Tinian JROTC continues to advocate for a greener, zero  
10 waste island through more recycling efforts and hopes to collaborate with larger  
11 agencies to expand the program even further; and

12           **WHEREAS**, the Stallion Battalion recycling program, led by the youth  
13 serves as a testament to a total dedication to an eco-friendlier community;

14           **NOW, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Nineteenth Commonwealth of the  
15 Northern Mariana Islands Youth Congress, that the Youth Congress proudly  
16 recognizes and commends the recycling efforts that the JROTC Stallion Battalion  
17 continues to uphold in Tinian; and

18           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Sponsor of this Resolution or the  
19 designee of the Speaker of the Youth Congress shall present a certified original  
20 copy of this Youth Congress Resolution to the Tinian JROTC Stallion Battalion;  
21 and

22           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Speaker of the Youth Congress  
23 shall certify, and the Youth Congress Legislative Secretary shall attest to the  
24 adoption of this resolution and thereafter shall transmit a certified copy to the  
25 Honorable Edmund S. Villagomez, Speaker of the House of Representatives (23rd  
26 Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature); Honorable Edith E. DeLeon  
27 Guerrero, President of the Senate (23rd Northern Marianas Commonwealth  
28 Legislature); the Honorable Arnold I. Palacios, Governor of the Commonwealth of

1 the Northern Mariana Islands; the Honorable Gregorio Kilili Camacho Sablan,  
2 CNMI Delegate to the House of Representatives (118<sup>th</sup> United States Congress).

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Introduced by: \_\_\_\_\_



Senator Ysabella V. Palacios