

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

7TH REGULAR Session, 2024

Y.C. Res. No. 19- **16**

A YOUTH CONGRESS RESOLUTION

Congratulating Ms. Stephanie Kim and Ms. Lisha
Lai on being named QuestBridge Scholars and
Receiving Full Scholarships to a Four-Year
University.

1 **WHEREAS**, the Youth Congress intends to recognize young academics in
2 the Marianas to pursue higher education and utilize educational opportunities that
3 are provided; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the QuestBridge Match Scholars Program started in 1994,
5 providing academic and financial support for intellectual students; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the National College Match is a college admission and
7 scholarship process provided for high-achieving and low-income students across
8 the nation; and

9 **WHEREAS**, Match recipients are guaranteed full four-year scholarships to
10 QuestBridge college partners; and

11 **WHEREAS**, Match Scholar Recipients come from 50 states and the
12 District of Columbia, including the territories of Guam, the Northern Mariana
13 Islands, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands; and

14 **WHEREAS**, students must apply by ranking their preferred QuestBridge
15 college partners with the hopes of ‘matching’ with the college that appears highest
16 on their list that also wants to match with them; and

17 **WHEREAS**, more than 20,800 applicants applied to the QuestBridge
18 scholarship for the academic year, 2023-2024; and

1 **WHEREAS**, Stephanie Kim and Lisha Lai were two of 2,242 Finalists who
2 were matched to the QuestBridge Scholarship Program; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Lisha Lai was matched to Boston College, a university with a
4 16 percent acceptance rate for 2022; and

5 **WHEREAS**, Stephanie Kim was matched to Wesleyan University, a
6 university with a 14 percent acceptance rate for 2022; and

7 **WHEREAS**, Stephanie Kim and Lisha Lai’s astonishing achievement in
8 scholarship is an honor to their families, Saipan International School, and the
9 Pacific Region; and

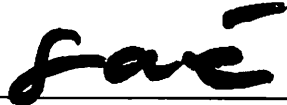
10 **WHEREAS**, the Youth Congress motivates students across the Marianas
11 to strive in their schoolwork and extracurriculars, and encourage students to grasp
12 opportunities provided for them; and

13 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Nineteenth
14 Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Youth Congress, that the Youth
15 Congress recognizes and celebrates Ms. Stephanie Kim and Ms. Lisha Lai on being
16 named QuestBridge Scholars and Receiving Full Scholarships to a Four-Year
17 University; and

18 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** hat 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 Ms. Stephanie Kim and Ms. Lisha Lai;
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; and the Honorable Gregorio Kilili Camacho Sablan,
2 CNMI Delegate to the House of Representatives (118th United States Congress).

Date: 3/13/2024 Introduced by: 
Senator Soledad Maria T. Sablan