

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

7TH REGULAR Session, 2024

Y.C. Res. No. 19- **17**

A YOUTH CONGRESS RESOLUTION

Commending Ms. Alleena Villaluz of Saipan
International School on winning the title of the 2024
Scripps Regional Spelling Bee for the Pacific
Region.

1 **WHEREAS**, the Youth Congress intends to recognize young academics in
2 the Marianas to continue studying and striving for higher education and
3 opportunities; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the Scripps Regional Spelling Bee held by the Rotary Club of
5 Guam offers the chance to students across the Pacific to showcase their abilities to
6 spell and knowledge of words; and

7 **WHEREAS**, a total of 69 students enrolled in the Bee, and 60 students
8 competed on March 3, 2024; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the winner of the Scripps Regional Spelling Bee for the
10 Pacific will represent the region at the national spelling bee in Washington, D.C.,
11 in May; and

12 **WHEREAS**, Alleena Villaluz outspelled 59 elementary and middle school
13 students from Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, and the Federated States of
14 Micronesia; and

15 **WHEREAS**, Alleena Villaluz competed in 15 rounds before winning the
16 2024 Regional Bee; and

17 **WHEREAS**, Alleena Villaluz correctly spelled the words ‘sieve’ and
18 ‘benignant’ to clench the title to the 2024 Scripps Regional Spelling Bee; and

1 **WHEREAS**, in addition to her title, Alleena Villaluz received the Samuel
2 Louis Sugarman Award provided by Jay Sugarman, chairman and CEO of iStar
3 Financial; and

4 **WHEREAS**, Alleena Villaluz’s achievement brings tremendous honor to
5 herself, Saipan International School, and the entire CNMI; and

6 **WHEREAS**, this rare achievement for a student of the CNMI encourages
7 and inspires all academics to persevere in their studies and participate in
8 extracurriculars; and

9 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Nineteenth
10 Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Youth Congress, that the Youth
11 Congress recognizes and commemorates Ms. Alleena Villaluz of Saipan
12 International School on winning the title of the 2024 Scripps Regional Spelling Bee
13 for the Pacific Region; and

14 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Sponsor of this Resolution or the
15 designee of the Speaker of the Youth Congress shall present a certified original
16 copy of this Youth Congress Resolution to Ms. Alleena Villaluz; and

17 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Speaker of the Youth Congress
18 shall certify, and the Youth Congress Legislative Secretary shall attest to the
19 adoption of this resolution and thereafter shall transmit a certified copy to the
20 Honorable Edmund S. Villagomez, Speaker of the House of Representatives (23rd
21 Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature); Honorable Edith E. DeLeon
22 Guerrero, President of the Senate (23rd Northern Marianas Commonwealth
23 Legislature); the Honorable Arnold I. Palacios, Governor of the Commonwealth of
24 the Northern Mariana Islands; and the Honorable Gregorio Kilili Camacho Sablan,
25 CNMI Delegate to the House of Representatives (118th United States Congress).

Date: 3/13/2024

Introduced by: 

Senator Soledad Maria T. Sablan