

SIXTEENTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE

SESSION, 2009

HSE. COM. RES. NO. 16-76

A HOUSE COMMEMORITIVE RESOLUTION

TO RECOGNIZE MS. TANYA CIARA DELA CRUZ FOR HER OUTSTANDING PARTICIPATION IN THE CNMI TEEN TALK PROGRAM AND FOR HER COMMITMENT TO BEING A POSITIVE ROLE MODEL FOR HER PEERS.

1 **WHEREAS**, Ms. Tanya Ciara Dela Cruz was born on February 8, 1991, and is
2 currently a senior attending Kagman High School (KHS); and

3 **WHEREAS**, Ms. Tanya Ciara Dela Cruz has been a dedicated and inspirational
4 member of CNMI Teen Talk and a leader in her school and community; and

5 **WHEREAS**, Ms. Tanya Ciara Dela Cruz is a member of various clubs and
6 participated in various school activities including the KHS National Honor Society
7 (2006-present), KHS Mock Trial (2006-2008), KHS Drama Club (2007-2008), KHS
8 Math Court (2007-2008), KHS Junior Class secretary (2007-2008), KHS Prom
9 Committee (2007-2008), KHS Senior Class President (2008-2009), KHS Graduation
10 Committee (2008-2009), KHS Year Book Club (2008-2009), and a member of Upward
11 Bound (2006-2007); and

12 **WHEREAS**, Ms. Tanya Ciara Dela Cruz also participated in the International
13 Thespian Society (ITS) chapter play, *Into the Woods* (2005-2006), the ITS chapter play, *A*
14 *Funny Thing on the Way to the Forum* (2006-2007), ITS chapter play, *The Secret Garden*,
15 (2007-2008), and the National Forensic League (2006-2007); and

16 **WHEREAS**, in addition to, Ms. Tanya Ciara Dela Cruz' other activities that
17 include the Youth Advisory Panel (2008-Present), Division of Youth Services Kick Butts
18 Day (2009), the Marianas March Against Cancer (2009), and the Northern Marianas
19 College Charter Day Marianas Idol Winner (2008), she still finds time in her busy
20 schedule to assist her peers in programs such as Teen Talk; and

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1 **WHEREAS**, Teen Talk, a youth group that has been a part of the CNMI Public
2 School System's Youth Development Program since 2001, promotes open
3 communication among teens of the CNMI on issues such as Health and HIV Education to
4 protect their health and advocates and encourages for the well-being of others; and

5 **WHEREAS**, Teen Talk's mission is to help students to develop a healthy lifestyle
6 by fostering positive self-esteem and responsible decision-making; and

7 **WHEREAS**, initially, Teen Talk began reaching out to the community, primarily
8 teenagers, through the Power 99 radio station; and

9 **WHEREAS**, in the past eight years, Teen Talk has made a positive impact on the
10 community by facilitating workshops on teen health issues for students from each of the
11 five high schools, four junior high schools and eight elementary schools, facilitating
12 workshops for parents and teachers from Rota, Tinian, and Saipan, hosting a teen talk
13 show on Marianas Cable Vision, and facilitating in the Division of Youth Services
14 Annual Youth Summit; and

15 **WHEREAS**, members of Teen Talk, composed of high school and Northern
16 Marianas College students, are not compensated for their hard work, but voluntarily
17 contribute their time to this program because they feel that it is important to educate the
18 community;

19 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the House of Representatives,
20 Sixteenth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature, that the House hereby
21 recognizes Ms. Tanya Ciara Dela Cruz for her outstanding participation in the CNMI
22 Teen Talk program and for her commitment to being a positive role model for her peers;
23 and

24 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Speaker of the House of
25 Representatives shall certify, and the House Clerk shall attest to the adoption of this
26 Resolution and thereafter transmit certified copies to Ms. Tanya Ciara Dela Cruz; the
27 Honorable Benigno R. Fitial, Governor of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana
28 Islands; the Honorable Pete P. Reyes, President of the Senate, Sixteenth Northern
29 Marianas Commonwealth Legislature; the Honorable Juan B. Tudela, Mayor of Saipan;
30 Ms. Lucia Linda Blanco-Maratita, Esq., Chairperson of the Board of Education; Ms. Rita

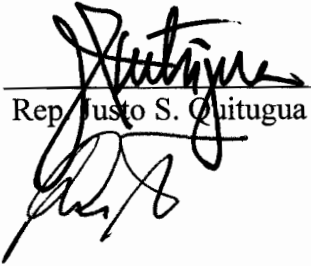
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- 1 A. Sablan Ed. D., Commissioner of Education; and Mr. Alfred B. Ada, Principal,
- 2 Kagman High School.

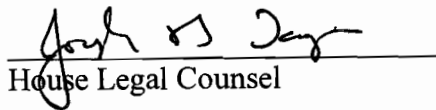
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Rep. Justo S. Quitugua

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House Legal Counsel