

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

**8TH REGULAR** Session, 2024

Y.C. Res. No. 19- **20**

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**A YOUTH CONGRESS RESOLUTION**

Commending Grace Christian Academy for their participation and for winning their second consecutive CNMI Academic Challenge Bowl Competition.

1           **WHEREAS**, it is the intent of this Legislative Body to recognize those  
2 young individuals who have inspired and brought pride to our Commonwealth by  
3 achieving outstanding success in educational competition within the CNMI and  
4 abroad; and

5           **WHEREAS**, the 2024 Academic Challenge Bowl Competition was  
6 organized and held by the Saipan Southern High School National Honor Society;  
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8           **WHEREAS**, prior to the 2024 Academic Challenge Bowl Competition,  
9 there were 17 successful years of the competition; and

10           **WHEREAS**, the island wide Academic Challenge Bowl Competition is  
11 known for its rigorous challenges and high standards; and

12           **WHEREAS**, Grace Christian Academy, along with Mt. Carmel School,  
13 Agape Christian School, Chacha Ocean View Middle School, Dandan Middle  
14 School, Fransisco Mendiola Sablan Middle School, Green Meadow School,

1 Hopwood Middle School, Saipan International School, Tinian Jr-Sr High School,  
2 and Tanapag Middle School were the private and public middle schools that  
3 participated in the competition; and

4           **WHEREAS**, the Academic Challenge Bowl Competition was held on  
5 February 23, 2024 at the Saipan Southern High School cafeteria; and

6           **WHEREAS**, the Academic Challenge Bowl is a middle school level  
7 competition ranging from grades sixth (6<sup>th</sup>), seventh (7<sup>th</sup>), and eighth (8<sup>th</sup>); and

8           **WHEREAS**, the Grace Christian Academy Academic Bowl Team  
9 consisted of the following students: Chloe Shin, Joseph Nelson, John Sanchez,  
10 Hans Ordas, and Guadalupe Villagomez; and

11           **WHEREAS**, with the guidance of coach and vice principal Mrs. Susan  
12 Pajarillaga, the Grace Christian Academy Academic Bowl team for the second  
13 consecutive year, clinched the first-place spot in the competition; and

14           **WHEREAS**, as the first-place team, the Grace Christian Academy  
15 Academic Bowl team got the chance to represent our Commonwealth in the 2024  
16 Middle School National Championship Tournament; and

17           **WHEREAS**, the Grace Christian Academy Academic Bowl team  
18 represented the Commonwealth at the 2024 Middle School National Championship  
19 Tournament in Chicago, Illinois held on May 10-12, 2024; and

20           **WHEREAS**, the inspiring team demonstrated profound dedication in their  
21 quest to win the 2024 Middle School Academic Challenge Bowl Competition  
22 through constant practices held after school; and


1           **WHEREAS**, the Grace Christian Academy Academic Bowl Team’s  
2 noteworthy achievements are a tremendous source of pride for their families,  
3 school, and community;

4           **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Nineteenth  
5 Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Youth Congress, that the Youth  
6 Congress congratulates the Grace Christian Academy Academic Bee team on their  
7 success in the 2024 Academic Challenge Bowl Competition; and

8           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Sponsor of this Resolution or the  
9 designee of the Speaker of the Youth Congress shall present a certified original  
10 copy of this Youth Congress Resolution to Mrs. Beth Ann Nunez, Principal, Grace  
11 Christian Academy; and

12           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Speaker of the Youth Congress  
13 shall certify, and the Youth Congress Legislative Secretary shall attest to the  
14 adoption of this commemorative resolution and thereafter shall transmit a certified  
15 copy to the Honorable Edmund S. Villagomez, Speaker of the House of  
16 Representatives (23rd Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature); Honorable  
17 Edith E. DeLeon Guerrero, President of the Senate (23rd Northern Marianas  
18 Commonwealth Legislature); the Honorable Arnold I. Palacios, Governor of the  
19 Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; the Honorable Gregorio Kili  
20 Camacho Sablan, CNMI Delegate to the House of Representatives (118<sup>th</sup> United  
21 States Congress), and Dr. Lawrence F. Camacho (Commissioner of Education).

Date: 06/09/2024

Introduced by:   
Senator Ayden Sean C. Yumul