

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

**8TH REGULAR** Session, 2024

Y.C. Res. No. 19- **21**

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**A YOUTH CONGRESS RESOLUTION**

Congratulating Ms. Clarize Crystal Paraiso Rodriguez Crystal Paraiso Rodriguez on her acceptance to the University of Chicago with a full ride scholarship through the QuestBridge National College Match Program

1           **WHEREAS**, QuestBridge is a non-profit organization aimed to provide  
2 predominantly low income, high achieving students a chance at attending top  
3 universities in the U.S.; and

4           **WHEREAS**, students are able to apply to the National College Match  
5 Program that will guarantee a full ride scholarship to a university they are matched  
6 to; and

7           **WHEREAS**, applicants first must apply to be a finalist in Questbridge. The  
8 chosen finalists are able to apply to college partners through the Match program  
9 with a possibility of being matched; and

10           **WHEREAS**, Match Scholarship recipients, or students who were matched  
11 to a college, receive a scholarship worth over \$325,000; and

1           **WHEREAS**, high achieving student Ms. Clarize Crystal Paraiso  
2 Rodriguez, from Tinian High School was one of the recipients of the Match  
3 Scholarship; and

4           **WHEREAS**, Ms. Clarize Crystal Paraiso Rodriguez was matched to the  
5 University of Chicago and will be attending the university during the fall of 2024;  
6 and

7           **WHEREAS**, Ms. Clarize Crystal Paraiso Rodriguez was inspired to apply  
8 through the competitive program in hopes to further her education with no financial  
9 struggle; and

10           **WHEREAS**, in order to receive that opportunity, Ms. Clarize Crystal  
11 Paraiso Rodriguez worked extremely hard to ensure her application stood out; and

12           **WHEREAS**, Ms. Clarize Crystal Paraiso Rodriguez joined various clubs in  
13 which she enjoyed, such as Army JROTC, 4-H Marianas, the National Honor  
14 Society, her school's Student Council, sports clubs, and even a variety of  
15 internships throughout her high school career; and

16           **WHEREAS**, despite having a full schedule, Ms. Clarize Crystal Paraiso  
17 Rodriguez also dedicated her life to creating opportunities for herself; and

18           **WHEREAS**, with no Advanced Placement (AP) courses offered at her  
19 school campus, Ms. Clarize Crystal Paraiso Rodriguez challenged herself to take  
20 AP courses through distance education program to help prepare her for college and  
21 strengthen her application; and

1           **WHEREAS**, participating in plural activities and programs aided Ms.  
2 Clarize Crystal Paraiso Rodriguez in securing a multi thousand-dollar scholarship  
3 offered by QuestBridge; and

4           **WHEREAS**, Ms. Clarize Crystal Paraiso Rodriguez received the Match  
5 Scholarship offer on December 2, 2023 and will be pursuing a Bachelor’s Degree  
6 in Business Economics at the University of Chicago; and

7           **WHEREAS**, the Youth Congress wishes to commend high achieving  
8 students for their educational success and representation of the CNMI;


9           **NOW, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Nineteenth Commonwealth of the  
10 Northern Mariana Islands Youth Congress, that the Youth Congress congratulates  
11 and commends Ms. Clarize Crystal Paraiso Rodriguez for receiving a full ride  
12 scholarship to the University of Chicago through the extremely competitive  
13 QuestBridge; 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. Clarize Crystal Paraiso Rodriguez;  
17 and

18           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Speaker of the Youth Congress  
19 shall certify, and the Youth Congress Legislative Secretary shall attest to the  
20 adoption of this resolution and thereafter shall transmit a certified copy to the  
21 Honorable Edmund S. Villagomez, Speaker of the House of Representatives (23rd  
22 Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature); Honorable Edith E. DeLeon

1 Guerrero, President of the Senate (23rd Northern Marianas Commonwealth  
2 Legislature); the Honorable Arnold I. Palacios, Governor of the Commonwealth of  
3 the Northern Mariana Islands; the Honorable Gregorio Kili Camacho Sablan,  
4 CNMI Delegate to the House of Representatives (118<sup>th</sup> United States Congress).

Date: 06/10/2024

Introduced by:   
Senator Ysabella V. Palacios