

TWENTY-FOURTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH
LEGISLATURE
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

_____ SESSION, 2025

H. Res. 24-14

A HOUSE RESOLUTION

To honor Mr. Willie Tan for his visionary leadership, astute business acumen, philanthropic contributions, charitable character and lasting impact on the economic landscape and social fabric of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, as well as his unwavering dedication and commitment to the people of the CNMI.

1 **WHEREAS**, this Legislative Body acknowledges and honor the lives of
2 individuals whose contributions span across various fields, significantly impacting
3 our communities and setting a standard for excellence and altruism; and

4 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Willie Tan, born in 1955 in Manila and of Quanzhou
5 descent, exemplifies remarkable talent and intellect; He is the second son of the
6 philanthropist Dr. Tan Siu Lin, Vice Chairman of Luen Thai Group Limited and
7 Chief Executive Officer of SKECHERS China, Korea, and Southeast Asia; and

8 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Willie Tan inherited his father's business acumen,
9 accumulating significant experience in business management; His upbringing,
10 which involved living and traveling across various regions of the world with his
11 parents, has enabled him to achieve proficiency in multiple languages, explore

1 diverse cultures, and meet influential figures who have guided him toward a
2 successful career; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Willie Tan has demonstrated exceptional leadership and
4 business acumen, significantly contributing to the economic development of the
5 Asia-Pacific region; and

6 **WHEREAS**, a risk taker by nature, Mr. Willie Tan embraces new
7 challenges and continually seeks to expand his own limits. With a professional
8 journey extending beyond four decades, his entrepreneurial journey showcases
9 his commitment to excellence and innovation, transforming Tan Holdings into a
10 modern global enterprise and successfully introducing and expanding the Skechers
11 brand across the region; and

12 **WHEREAS**, as Vice Chairman of Tan Holdings and CEO of Skechers Asia
13 Joint Venture, Mr. Tan has achieved unprecedented growth and recognition within
14 the footwear industry, with over 5,000 points of sale across the region; and

15 **WHEREAS**, through his leadership and foresight, Mr. Tan guided the
16 growth of businesses that spanned manufacturing, logistics, tourism, retail, and
17 other vital sectors, helping to diversify and strengthen the Commonwealth's
18 economy during critical decades of development; and

19 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Tan is widely regarded not only for his business acumen
20 but also for his philanthropic and charitable nature; his philanthropic spirit, inspired
21 by his father, Dr. Tan Siu Lin, has led him to give back to his community through

1 numerous charitable initiatives, including substantial donations to educational and
2 health causes, in addition to extending support to the communities where his
3 companies operated, and demonstrating a deep commitment to the well-being of
4 the people of the Northern Mariana Islands; and

5 **WHEREAS**, although his career faced periods of great challenge, Mr. Tan
6 exemplified resilience and determination, responding to adversity with dignity,
7 perseverance, and hard work, thereby reaffirming his esteemed reputation and
8 legacy as a leader committed to integrity and advancement; and

9 **WHEREAS**, a devoted son, brother, husband, and father, Mr. Tan has
10 remained steadfastly family-oriented throughout his career, working alongside his
11 siblings to preserve and expand the legacy of their father, Dr. Tan Siu Lin, while
12 also mentoring the next generation of leaders; and

13 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Willie Tan's life and work exemplify his steadfast
14 dedication to innovation, leadership, and social responsibility, creating a lasting
15 legacy that transcends geographical boundaries and inspires future generations;

16 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the House of
17 Representatives of the Twenty-Fourth Northern Marianas Commonwealth
18 Legislature that the House honors and extends its heartfelt congratulations to Mr.
19 Willie Tan for his remarkable achievements and unwavering commitment to
20 excellence in business and philanthropy and acknowledging his Key
21 Accomplishments:

1 **Transformational Leadership:** Revolutionized Tan Holdings into a
2 modern global enterprise;

3 **Skechers Asia Joint Venture:** Successfully introduced and expanded the
4 Skechers brand across the Asia-Pacific region;

5 **Philanthropy:** Substantial donations to educational and health causes,
6 demonstrating his commitment to giving back;

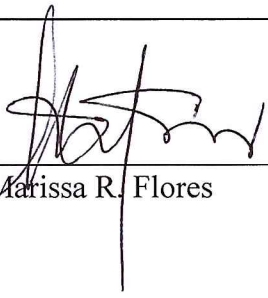
7 **Economic Impact:** Contributed significantly to the CNMI's economic
8 development through tourism diversification;


9 **Inspirational Role Model:** Embodies exceptional leadership, integrity,
10 and community service; and

11 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Speaker of the House of
12 Representatives shall certify, and the House Clerk shall attest to the adoption of this
13 resolution and thereafter the House Clerk shall transmit a certified copy to Mr.
14 Willie Tan, Vice Chairman of Tan Holdings and Chief Executive Officer of
15 Skechers Asia Joint Venture; the Honorable David M. Apatang, Governor,
16 Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; the Honorable Kimberlyn K.
17 King-Hinds, CNMI Delegate to the U.S. House of Representatives, 119th United
18 States Congress; and the Honorable Karl King-Nabors, Senate President, 24th
19 Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature.

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Rep. Marissa R. Flores

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