

**TWENTY-FOURTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE**

**SECOND REGULAR SESSION, 2025**

**Sen. Commemorative Res. No. 24-03**

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**A SENATE COMMEMORATIVE RESOLUTION**

To honor and commend 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.

1           **WHEREAS**, the members of the Senate of the Twenty-Fourth Northern Marianas  
2 Commonwealth Legislature are pleased to pay tribute and honor individuals whose long-  
3 standing contributions to the public and private sectors of the Commonwealth significantly  
4 impact our community, setting a standard for excellence and altruism; and

5           **WHEREAS**, Willie Tan, who was born in 1955 in the city of Manila, Philippines,  
6 and is of Quanzhou descent, exemplifies remarkable talent and intellect, inheriting his  
7 father's business acumen and accumulating significant experience in business  
8 management; and

9           **WHEREAS**, Willie Tan's upbringing, involving living and traveling across  
10 various regions of the world, has enabled him to achieve proficiency in multiple languages,  
11 explore diverse cultures, and meet influential figures, guiding him toward a successful  
12 career; and

13           **WHEREAS**, Willie Tan has demonstrated exceptional leadership and business  
14 acumen, significantly contributing to the economic development of the Asia-Pacific region,  
15 transforming Tan Holdings Corporation into a modern global enterprise, and successfully  
16 introducing and expanding the Skechers brand across the region; and

17           **WHEREAS**, as Vice Chairman of Tan Holdings and CEO of Skechers Asia Joint  
18 Venture, Willie Tan has led both companies to achieve unprecedented growth and  
19 recognition within the footwear industry, as well as across the many sectors in which Tan  
20 Holdings operates, including airlines, amusement and family entertainment, fishing,

1 Holdings operates, including airlines, amusement and family entertainment, fishing,  
2 ground handling services, hotels, information technology, insurance, logistics, publishing,  
3 and real estate; and

4 **WHEREAS**, Willie Tan's philanthropic spirit, inspired by his father, Dr. Tan Siu  
5 Lin, has led him to give back to his community through numerous charitable initiatives,  
6 including substantial donations to educational and health causes. This ultimately  
7 exemplifies his steadfast dedication to innovation, leadership, and social responsibility,  
8 creating a lasting legacy that transcends geographical boundaries and inspires future  
9 generations; and

10 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Willie Tan has exemplified transformational leadership by  
11 revolutionizing Tan Holdings into a modern global enterprise; successfully establishing  
12 and expanding the Skechers Asia Joint Venture across the Asia-Pacific region; making  
13 significant philanthropic contributions to education and healthcare; playing a pivotal role  
14 in advancing the Commonwealth's economic development through tourism diversification  
15 and business innovation; and continuing to serve as an inspirational role model who  
16 embodies exceptional leadership, integrity, and community service.

17 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Senate of the Twenty-Fourth  
18 Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature hereby joins the people of the  
19 Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in honoring Willie Tan for his notable  
20 and outstanding commitment to excellence in business and philanthropy in addition to his  
21 unwavering commitment to providing noble contributions to the Commonwealth of the  
22 Northern Mariana Islands and its people; and

23 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the President of the Senate shall certify and  
24 the Senate Legislative Secretary shall attest to the adoption of this Resolution, and  
25 thereafter the Senate Clerk shall transmit certified copies to Mr. Willie Tan; the Honorable  
26 David M. Apatang, Governor of the CNMI; the Honorable Edmund S. Villagomez,  
27 Speaker of the House of Representatives; and the Honorable Kimberlyn King-Hinds,  
28 CNMI Delegate to the House of Representatives Washington, 119<sup>th</sup> United States  
29 Congress.


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Date: 10/17/2025

Introduced By: \_\_\_\_\_

  
Senator Karl R. King-Nabors