



THE SENATE  
TWENTY-FOURTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 24-03

Introduced by: Senators Karl. R. King-Nabors, Francisco Q. Cruz and Jude U. Hofschneider

A SENATE RESOLUTION

To recognize and commend Lieutenant Colonel Adrian “Savage” Evangelista, United States Marine Corps for his selfless service answering the call to defend and protect our nation and play a fundamental role in the armed forces of the United States of America.

1           **WHEREAS**, this Legislative Body is honored to recognize the selfless sacrifice of our  
2 sons and daughters honorably serving under the mission of the United States Armed Forces;  
3 and

4           **WHEREAS**, Lieutenant Colonel Adrian “Savage” Evangelista, a native of the  
5 Mariana Islands and proud son of the island of Tinian was raised on humble beginnings  
6 through the love and guidance of his parents, Antonio B. and Evelyn R. Evangelista; and

7           **WHEREAS**, Lieutenant Colonel Adrian “Savage” Evangelista is the oldest of his  
8 siblings who paved the way for his sister and brothers to join him in arms, namely CW3  
9 Abigail E. Baker, US Army; TSgt Antonio R. Evangelista Jr., US Air Force; SSG(P) Aran R.  
10 Evangelista, US Army; and

11           **WHEREAS**, in June of 2000, Lieutenant Colonel Adrian “Savage” Evangelista  
12 graduated from Tinian High School and soon after discovered his journey into the armed  
13 forces through the US Naval Academy – graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree in  
14 Information Technology and earning an officer commission into the United States Marine  
15 Corps in May of 2005; and

16           **WHEREAS**, in April of 2008, Lieutenant Colonel Adrian “Savage” Evangelista was  
17 designated a Naval Aviator. In December 2008, he reported to the Dragons of Marine

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1 Medium Helicopter Squadron 265, Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) Futenma, Okinawa for  
2 service as a CH-46E Sea Knight helicopter pilot. He held multiple positions in the Operations  
3 and Maintenance Department of the squadron. Additionally, he deployed numerous times  
4 supporting multiple theater security training exercises and real-world humanitarian relief  
5 operations with the Aviation Combat Element (ACE) of the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit  
6 (MEU) aboard the US Navy’s amphibious assault carrier USS Essex (LHD-2); and

7       **WHEREAS**, Lieutenant Colonel Adrian “Savage” Evangelista was selected for  
8 transition and conversion training in the Marine Corps’ new tiltrotor aircraft – the MV-22B  
9 Osprey in December of 2011; and

10       **WHEREAS**, in July of 2012, Lieutenant Colonel Adrian “Savage” Evangelista  
11 reported to the Red Lions of Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron (VMM) 363 in MCAS  
12 Miramar, California to begin training and served as the Current Operations Officer; and

13       **WHEREAS**, a year later in July of 2013, Lieutenant Colonel Adrian “Savage”  
14 Evangelista returned to Okinawa and reported to the Flying Tigers of VMM-262. He assisted  
15 in the squadron’s transition to the MV-22B; deployed numerous times with the ACE of the  
16 31st MEU aboard the USS Bonhomme Richard (LHD-6); and participated in multiple theater  
17 security exercises and real-world humanitarian relief missions throughout the Indo-Pacific  
18 region. As part of Joint Task Force 505, he participated in Operation Damayan for typhoon  
19 relief in the southern Philippines. Furthermore, in May of 2015, he participated in Operation  
20 Sahayogi Haat for earthquake relief operations in Kathmandu, Nepal. As a Tiger, he held  
21 numerous collateral positions to include ACE Aircraft Maintenance Officer (AMO). In 2017,  
22 the ACE received the 2017 Marine Corps Aviation Association (MCAA) Safety Award; and

23       **WHEREAS**, simultaneously in June of 2017, Lieutenant Colonel Adrian “Savage”  
24 Evangelista attended Resident Command and Staff College at Marine Corps University in  
25 Marine Corps Base Quantico, Virginia and graduated with a Masters in Military Studies; and

26       **WHEREAS**, Lieutenant Colonel Adrian “Savage” Evangelista reported to the  
27 Greyhawks of VMM-161 in MCAS Miramar and assumed the AMO position in May of 2018.  
28 In September of 2019, he deployed with the Greyhawks to the Middle East, forming the ACE  
29 of Special Purpose Marine Air Ground Task Force – Crises Response – Central Command for

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1 Operation INHERENT RESOLVE conducting combat missions in Iraq and Syria. Upon  
2 returning in June of 2020, he became the squadron’s Executive Officer. In the upcoming year,  
3 the Greyhawks were recipients of the MCAA Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron of the Year  
4 award; and

5       **WHEREAS**, in March of 2021, Lieutenant Colonel Adrian “Savage” Evangelista  
6 reported to the Deputy Commandant for Aviation, Headquarters Marine Corps, Pentagon to  
7 assume duties as International Plans and Policies Officer and member of the Cunningham  
8 Group; and

9       **WHEREAS**, most notably in July of 2021, Lieutenant Colonel Adrian “Savage”  
10 Evangelista was screened and selected for lieutenant colonel command on his first eligibility.  
11 In October of 2021, he was promoted to his current rank; and

12       **WHEREAS**, in May of 2022, Lieutenant Colonel Adrian “Savage” Evangelista  
13 returned to Okinawa and assumed duties as Commanding Officer of Personnel Support  
14 Detachment in Marine Aircraft Group 36; and

15       **WHEREAS**, Lieutenant Colonel Adrian “Savage” Evangelista is a graduate of the  
16 Expeditionary Warfare School (Non-resident Course), Naval Aviation Safety Officer School,  
17 and Weapons and Tactics Instructor Course (2-11); and

18       **WHEREAS**, among many other qualifications and designations Lieutenant Colonel  
19 Adrian “Savage” Evangelista attained in Marine Aviation, he is a Weapons and Tactics  
20 Instructor, Assault Flight Leader, Air Mission Commander, Night Systems Instructor, and  
21 Tiltrotor Aircraft Commander; and

22       **WHEREAS**, through his acquired leadership skills and tactical vision, Lieutenant  
23 Colonel Adrian “Savage” Evangelista has earned the distinguished honor in his military career  
24 to assume command of VMM-262 – The Flying Tigers, in May of 2023; and

25       **WHEREAS**, stepping forward to answer the call to arms from the tiny island of  
26 Tinian, Lieutenant Colonel Adrian “Savage” Evangelista’s sheer determination and  
27 commitment to excellence in the armed forces has provided him the renowned privilege of  
28 many firsts, such as: Tinian’s first US Service Academy graduate; Tinian’s first US Naval  
29 Academy graduate (Graduated and commissioned in May 27, 2005); Tinian’s first (and

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1 currently the only) US Marine Corps officer; Tinian’s first US military pilot; Tinian’s first US  
2 Marine Corps pilot; Tinian’s and CNMI’s first MV-22B Osprey pilot; Tinian’s first US  
3 military officer to reach the rank of O-5 (Lieutenant Colonel); Tinian’s first military  
4 commanding officer at the O-5 level (Squadron/Battalion); Tinian’s and CNMI’s first  
5 operational/combat deployable aircraft squadron commander at the O-5 level, across all  
6 military branches; Tinian’s and CNMI’s first operational and combat deployable aircraft  
7 squadron commander in the US Marine Corps; Tinian’s and CNMI’s first Marine  
8 Expeditionary Unit Aviation Combat Element commanding officer deploying aboard USS  
9 America (LHA-6) and USS San Diego (LPD-22) with 10 MV-22B (Osprey) tiltrotor aircraft,  
10 4 CH-53E (Super Stallion) heavy lift helicopters, 4 AH-1Z (Cobra) attack helicopters, 3 UH-  
11 1Y (Huey) attach/utility helicopters, and nearly 500 Marines and Sailors, Tinian and CNMI’s  
12 first V-22 squadron commander; and

13         **WHEREAS**, Lieutenant Colonel Adrian “Savage” Evangelista has proudly  
14 represented his people of Tinian and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands  
15 through his sharp and strategic leadership to oversee and carryout the tactical strategies in the  
16 forefront as part of the military’s efforts to expand and strengthen its forces to fulfill the goals  
17 aligned with the mission of national defense;

18         **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Senate of the Twenty-Fourth  
19 Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature, that the Senate recognizes and commends  
20 Lieutenant Colonel Adrian “Savage” Evangelista whose significant contributions to the armed  
21 forces is a symbol of immense pride for the people of Tinian and more importantly for the  
22 Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; and

23         **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the President of the Senate shall certify, and the  
24 Senate Legislative Secretary shall attest to the adoption of this Resolution, and thereafter the  
25 Senate Clerk shall transmit certified copies to Lieutenant Colonel Adrian “Savage”  
26 Evangelista; the Honorable Arnold I. Palacios, Governor of the Commonwealth of the  
27 Northern Mariana Islands; the Honorable Edmund S. Villagomez, Speaker of the House of  
28 Representatives, Twenty-Fourth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature; the  
29 Honorable Kimberlyn King-Hinds, CNMI Delegate to the House of Representatives

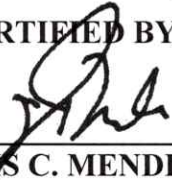
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1 Washington, 119th United States Congress; the Honorable Edwin P. Aldan, Mayor of Tinian  
2 and Aguiguan; and the Honorable Joseph E. Santos, Chairman of the Twentieth Tinian  
3 Municipal Council.

**ADOPTED BY THE SENATE ON APRIL 25, 2025**

**CERTIFIED BY:**



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**DENNIS C. MENDIOLA**  
President of the Senate

**ATTESTED BY:**



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**FRANCISCO Q. CRUZ**  
Senate Legislative Secretary



THE SENATE  
Twenty-Fourth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature  
P. O. Box 500129  
Saipan, MP 96950

April 28, 2025

Honorable Arnold I. Palacios  
Governor  
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands  
Saipan, MP 96950

Dear Governor Palacios:

I have the honor of transmitting herewith a certified copy of **Senate Resolution No. 24-03**, entitled, "To recognize and commend Lieutenant Colonel Adrian "Savage" Evangelista, United States Marine Corps for his selfless service answering the call to defend and protect our nation and play a fundamental role in the armed forces of the United States of America," which was adopted by the Senate of the Twenty-Fourth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature.

Sincerely,

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Dolores S. Bermudes  
Senate Clerk

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P. O. Box 500129  
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April 28, 2025

Honorable Edmund S. Villagomez  
Speaker  
House of Representatives  
24<sup>th</sup> Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature  
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Honorable Kimberlyn King-Hinds  
CNMI Delegate to the U.S. Congress  
Saipan Office  
P. O. Box 504870  
Saipan, MP 96950

Dear Representative King-Hinds:

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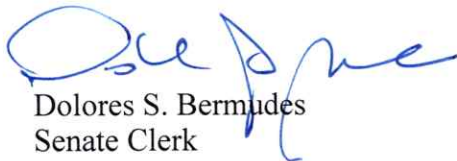
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Honorable Edwin P. Aldan  
Mayor  
Municipality of Tinian & Aguigua  
P. O. Box 520059  
Tinian, MP 95952

Dear Mayor Aldan:

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Honorable Joseph E. Santos  
Chairman  
Twentieth Municipal Council  
San Jose Village  
Tinian, MP 95952

Dear Chairman Santos:

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