

***I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN***  
**2011 (FIRST) Regular Session**

**Resolution No. 219-31 (COR)**

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**Relative to recognizing and commending Linda Nelson Semler for her contributions to educating the community on the prevention and control of diabetes and to welcome her to Guam as a Guest Speaker of Group Lifestyle Balance Program Workshop.**

1        **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I**  
2        ***MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:***  
3        **WHEREAS, Ms. Linda Nelson Semler attended Bowling Green State**  
4        **University in Ohio for her Bachelor of Science in Home Economics Education from**  
5        **1971 to 1978; and**

1       **WHEREAS**, she took her master's degree in Nutrition and Dietetics at the  
2 Indiana University of Pennsylvania in Indiana, PA from 1982 to 1984; and

3       **WHEREAS**, Ms. Semler is a registered dietitian who has worked as a research  
4 dietitian for 18 years in NIH funded studies , including the Diabetes Prevention  
5 Program (DPP) and the Diabetes Prevention Program Outcomes Study (DPPOS); and

6       **WHEREAS**, Ms. Semler started as Home Economics Teacher for grades 7-12  
7 at Fox Chapel School District in Pittsburgh, PA from 1978 to 1984; she worked as  
8 clinical dietitian and nutrition consultant for Saga/Marriott, Villa de Marillac Nursing  
9 Home and St. Francis Executive Health Center at St. Francis Medical Center,  
10 Pittsburgh, PA; and

11       **WHEREAS**, she was an interventionist for Behavioral Medicine, Western  
12 Psychiatric Institute and Clinic in Pittsburgh from 1993 to 2000; and

13       **WHEREAS**, currently, Ms. Semler is a nutrition coordinator for Lifestyle  
14 Resource Core; interventionist Diabetes Prevention Program and Diabetes Prevention  
15 Program and Diabetes Prevention Program Outcomes Study at the University of  
16 Pittsburgh Medical Center, Pittsburgh, PA; and an interventionist specialist for  
17 University of Pittsburgh, Physical Activity and Weight Management Research Center  
18 also in Pittsburgh, PA; academic experience includes her appointments as Assistant  
19 and Associate Professor at University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, Associate  
20 and Associate Professor at University of Pittsburgh School of Nursing ; and

21       **WHEREAS**, Ms. Semler, in addition to her academic and professional  
22 experience, has also published works in various publications and journals that dealt  
23 with diabetes disease and diabetes care; and

24       **WHEREAS**, she is a recipient of several honors and awards including the Pitt  
25 Innovator Award (September 2009 and 2010) from the Office of the Provost and the

1 Office of Technology Management, University of Pittsburgh for her contributions to  
2 the Group Lifestyle Balance Program licensing and commercialization process ; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Ms. Semler is also an intervention specialist working on various  
4 NIH funded research studies at the University of Pittsburgh Physical Activity and  
5 Weight Management Research Center. Her studies include trails to examine weight  
6 loss and cardiometabolic risk factors in severely obese adults to determine the  
7 effectiveness of two dominant bariatric surgery procedures versus an intensive  
8 lifestyle intervention to induce weight loss in patients and promote improvements in  
9 Type 2 diabetes mellitus in moderately obese patients; and

10 **WHEREAS**, Ms. Semler is extensively involved in the development of the  
11 Group Lifestyle Balance training workshops and has presented locally, nationally, and  
12 internationally including specialized workshops for the military;

13 **WHEREAS**, the information shared by Ms. Semler with the people of Guam  
14 will be very important in our continuing efforts to control diabetes on Guam; and

15 **WHEREAS**, Ms. Semler's extensive body of academics and research  
16 experience in diabetes diseases will be very helpful to the community; now therefore,  
17 be it

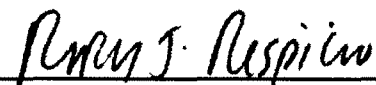
18 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trentai Unu Na*  
19 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people  
20 of Guam, recognize and commend Ms. Linda Nelson Semler for her contribution to  
21 educating the Guam community on the prevention and control of Diabetes and to  
22 welcome her to Guam as a Guest Speaker of Group Lifestyle Balance Program  
23 Workshop; and be it further

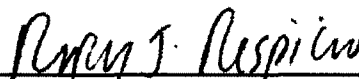
24 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules  
25 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption thereof, and that copies of  
26 the same be thereafter be transmitted to Ms Linda Nelson Semler; to Mr. Peter R.

- 1 Sgro, Jr., President & Chairman, Guam Healthcare and Hospital Development
- 2 Foundation and Social Services; and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I*
- 3 *Maga'låhen Guåhan.*

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF  
*I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 5<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF  
OCTOBER 2011.**

  
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**BENJAMIN J.F. CRUZ**  
Acting Speaker

  
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**RORY J. RESPICIO**  
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

  
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**RORY J. RESPICIO**  
Acting Legislative Secretary