


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

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Resolution No.219-31(COR)

Introduced by:

D.G. Rodriguez, Jr. 

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 I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN**
2 **GUÅHAN:**

3 **WHEREAS,** Ms. Linda Nelson Semler attended Bowling Green State
4 University in Ohio for her Bachelor of Science in Home Economics Education
5 from 1971 to 1978; and

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

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

1 **WHEREAS**, Ms. Semler started as Home Economics Teacher for grades 7-
2 12 at Fox Chapel School District in Pittsburgh, PA from 1978 to 1984; she
3 worked as clinical dietitian and nutrition consultant for Saga/Marriott, Villa
4 de Marillac Nursing Home and St. Francis Executive Health Center at St.
5 Francis Medical Center, Pittsburgh, PA; and

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

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

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

20 **WHEREAS**, she is a recipient of several honors and awards including the
21 Pitt Innovator Award (September 2009 and 2010) from the Office of the
22 Provost and the Office of Technology Management, University of Pittsburgh

1 for her contributions to the Group Lifestyle Balance Program licensing and
2 commercialization process ; and

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

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

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

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

21 **RESOLVED,** that I *Mina' Trentai Unu na Liheslaturan Guåhan*, does hereby,
22 on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize and commend Ms. Linda Nelson

1 Semler for her contribution to educating the Guam community on the
2 prevention and control of Diabetes and to welcome her to Guam as a Guest
3 Speaker of Group Lifestyle Balance Program Workshop ; and be it further
4 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest
5 to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted
6 to Linda Nelson Semler; to Mr. Peter R. Sgro, Jr., President & Chairman,
7 Guam Healthcare & Hospital Development Foundation and Social Services
8 and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES
OF I MINA'TRENTAI UNU A NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE ____
DAY OF OCTOBER 2011.

JUDITH T. WONPAT, Ed.D
Speaker

RORY J. RESPICIO
Chairman, Committee on Rules

TINA ROSE MUÑA-BARNES
Legislative Secretary