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

**Resolution No 222-31 (COR)**

Introduced by:

D.G. Rodriguez, Jr. *DR*

**Relative to recognizing and commending Dr. Elizabeth M. Venditti for her contributions to educating the Guam 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,** Dr. Elizabeth M. Venditti received her Bachelor of Arts in  
4        Psychology with honors from Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island  
5        and attended the University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania for her  
6        master's degree in Clinical Psychology in 1983 and finished her doctorate  
7        degree in Clinical Psychology in 1989;

8        **WHEREAS,** Dr. Venditti's professional experience started in 1978 as a  
9        research associate at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine and  
10       Obesity Research Group in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania until 1980;

1       **WHEREAS**, in 1985 , she started her internship as Clinical Psychology in  
2 New York University-Bellevue, Department of Psychiatry, New York, NY ;  
3 and

4       **WHEREAS**, Dr. Venditti was the recruitment coordinator and  
5 interventionist for EPICS Program of the University of Pittsburgh School of  
6 Medicine and Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic in Pittsburgh, PA from  
7 1986 to 1991;

8       **WHEREAS**, in 1991, she became the project coordinator and interventionist  
9 for Behavioral Weight Control Program , Family History of Diabetes Study,  
10 University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, and Western Psychiatric Institute  
11 and Clinic in Pittsburgh, PA until 1995; and

12       **WHEREAS**, she also maintained her private clinical practice from 1991 to  
13 2006 with specialization on adolescent and adult psychotherapy in Pittsburgh,  
14 PA; and

15       **WHEREAS**, her professional accomplishments include her appointments  
16 as program coordinator of the Diabetes Prevention Program of the University  
17 of Pittsburgh Medical Center, and Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic (  
18 1995-1996); coordinator, Lifestyle Resource Core, Diabetes Prevention  
19 Program, University of Pittsburgh Medical Center and Western Psychiatric  
20 Institute and Clinic (1996 -2002); Associate Director , Behavior Core , Obesity  
21 Nutrition and Research Center, University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine ,  
22 Pittsburgh, PA (2004-2009); and

1       **WHEREAS**, currently , she is an assistant professor of Psychiatry,  
2 Department of Behavioral Medicine, University of Pittsburgh School of  
3 Medicine, Pittsburgh, PA ; and

4       **WHEREAS**, Dr. Venditti's other experience and professional  
5 membership includes American Psychological Association (APA) ; National  
6 Diabetes Education Program (NDEP), American Diabetes Association (ADA),  
7 North American Association for the Study of Obesity (NAASO) and Editorial  
8 Board of DOC News from 2005 to 2008; and

9       **WHEREAS**, in addition to her academic and professional experience, Dr.  
10 Venditti had also published works in various publications and journals that  
11 dealt with diabetes disease and diabetes care; and

12       **WHEREAS**, she had considerable experience in designing, training and  
13 evaluating interventions for the prevention and treatment of obesity and type  
14 2 diabetes in adults and youth . Her most significant continuing role is being  
15 the Director of the Lifestyle Resource Core for the Diabetes Prevention  
16 Program Outcomes Study (DDPOS) in which she examines the role of  
17 treatment for eating and physical activity behaviors as they related to a  
18 variety of metabolic, physiologic and psychological/behavioral outcomes in  
19 diabetes and the metabolic syndrome ; and

20       **WHEREAS**, the information shared by Dr. Venditti with the people of Guam  
21 will be very important in our continuing efforts to control diabetes on Guam;  
22 and

1       **WHEREAS**, Dr. Venditti's extensive body of academics and research  
2       experience in diabetes diseases will be very helpful to the community; and  
3       now, therefore be it

4       **RESOLVED**, that I *Mina' Trentai Unu na Liheslaturan Guåhan*, does hereby,  
5       on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize and commend Dr. Elizabeth M.  
6       Venditti for her contribution to educating the Guam community on the  
7       prevention and control of Diabetes and to welcome her to Guam as one of the  
8       resource persons Group Lifestyle Balance Program Workshop; and be it  
9       further

10       **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest  
11       to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted  
12       to Dr. Elizabeth M. Venditti; to Mr. Peter R. Sgro, Jr., President & Chairman,  
13       Guam Healthcare & Hospital Development Foundation and Social Services  
14       and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahen 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.**