

I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2007 (FIRST) Regular Session

Efec. Comm.
Resolution No. 135

Introduced by:

v.c. pangelinan
J. T. Won Pat, Ed.D.
T.R. Muna-Barnes

RELATIVE TO CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING
MAJOR ROGER VAN DYKE FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS
TO EDUCATING THE COMMUNITY ON THE
PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF DIABETES AND TO
WELCOME HIM TO GUAM AS A GUEST SPEAKER AT
THE EIGHT ANNUAL GUAM DIABETES ASSOCIATION
CONFERENCE.

1 BE IT RESOLVED BY I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN
2 GUÅHAN:
3 WHEREAS, Roger VanDyke, MAJ, AN, USAR was born on March 3,
4 1958 and currently resides in Atlanta, Georgia; and
5 WHEREAS, Major VanDyke received his Bachelors degree in Nursing
6 from Niagara University, Niagara County, New York in 1989; and
7 WHEREAS, Major VanDyke received his diploma in Paralegal
8 Studies/Legal Nursing Consulting in 2001 from the College of Professional Studies
9 in Boca Raton, Florida; and

1 **WHEREAS**, Major VanDyke, from 1982 to 1988, was a Mental Hygiene
2 Therapy Assistant/Community Resident Assistant Director, at the Office of Mental
3 Retardation and Developmental Disabilities in Syracuse, New York; and

4 **WHEREAS**, Major VanDyke, from 1989 to 1990 was a Staff Critical Care
5 Nurse at the Crouse-Irving Memorial Hospital in Syracuse, New York; and

6 **WHEREAS**, Major VanDyke, from 1990 to 2000 was on active duty with
7 the United States Public Health Service / Indian Health Service stationed in
8 Anchorage, Alaska at the Alaska Native Medical Center where he was Associate
9 Chief (Assistant Nurse Manager) Internal Medicine Unit from 1987 to 2000, and
10 Senior Staff Nurse Intensive Care Unit from 1992 to 1997; and

11 **WHEREAS**, Major VanDyke was reactivated by the United States Public
12 Health Service in early 2002 to a limited tour of duty to assist staffing crisis at
13 Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage, Alaska, and again later that year on a
14 limited tour of duty and attachment to the United States Army to assist with
15 staffing and provide expertise as a process consultant at Fort Gordon in Augusta,
16 Georgia ; and

17 **WHEREAS**, Major VanDyke in 2003 was appointed to the United States
18 Army Reserves and was assigned to the 3297th United States Army Hospital,
19 Atlanta Unit W8KX02 and served as the Assistant Officer in Charge (AOIC) of the
20 OER section; and

21 **WHEREAS**, Major VanDyke, from 2004 to 2006, went on active duty and
22 was assigned to the Brooke Army Medical Center (BAMC), Fort Sam Houston,
23 Texas in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. From November 2004 to June
24 2006 he was attached to the Institute for Surgical Research Acute Burn Care Unit,
25 from June 2006 to November 2006 he served as member of the BAMC command
26 structure in the position of Nursing Supervisor; and,

1 **WHEREAS**, Major VanDyke, in November 2006, returned to reserve status
2 and has been assigned to the 3297th United States Army Hospital, Atlanta Unit S-1;
3 and

4 **WHEREAS**, the information shared by Major VanDyke with the people of
5 Guam will be very important in our continuing efforts to control diabetes on
6 Guam; and

7 **WHEREAS**, as much as twenty-five (25) percent of Guam's population has
8 contracted type 2 diabetes, an incurable metabolic disease caused by poor diet and
9 a sedentary lifestyle that can lead to blindness, kidney damage, nerve damage, poor
10 circulation, limb amputations and heart disease; and

11 **WHEREAS**, an estimated sixty (60) percent of Chamorros, or more than
12 20,000 Chamorros on Guam, have type 2 diabetes or the pre-diabetic condition
13 known as impaired glucose tolerance; and

14 **WHEREAS**, Major VanDyke's experience numerous aspects of nursing
15 practice, nursing management and policy development will be very helpful in the
16 battle against diabetes in our community; and

17 **WHEREAS**, Guam is proud and honored to invite Major Roger VanDyke to
18 be a Guest Speaker at the Eight Annual Guam Diabetes Association Conference to
19 share his expertise in the prevention and control of diabetes; now, therefore, be it

20 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does
21 hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, commend and congratulate Major Roger
22 VanDyke for his contribution to educating the community on the prevention and
23 control of Diabetes and to welcome him to Guam as a Guest Speaker for the Eight
24 Annual Guam Diabetes Association Conference; and be it further

25 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature
26 attest to, the adoption hereof and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted

- 1 to Major Roger VanDyke; to the Guam Diabetes Association; and to the Honorable
- 2 Felix P. Camacho, I Maga'lahaen Guåhan.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE th DAY OF OCTOBER 2007.

MARK FORBES
Speaker

RAY TENORIO
Senator and
Secretary of the Legislature

vicente "ben" c. pangelinan
Senator and Sponsor