

HONORING DR. TRACY MACINTOSH

HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 21, 2025

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, Dr. Tracy MacIntosh is a leader in the field of medicine, serving as the associate dean for access, belonging, and community engagement at the University of Central Florida College of Medicine, as well as an associate professor of emergency medicine.

With her educational background, which includes a master's degree in science, a master's degree in public health, and a medical degree from Yale School of Medicine, Dr. MacIntosh brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise to her roles. Her dedication to medical education is paralleled by her unwavering commitment to promoting health equity and eliminating health disparities.

As a practicing emergency physician, Dr. MacIntosh applies her clinical experience to improve the health and well-being of her patients in Kissimmee. Her dual focus on clinical excellence and medical education allows her to deliver compassionate care while inspiring the next generation of healthcare providers, both in the classroom and at the bedside. Dr. MacIntosh is a passionate mentor to students, residents, and community youth, encouraging them to pursue careers in healthcare and provide care to improve quality and outcomes for every single patient. She leads the UCF College of Medicine in its mission to train future physicians and scientists dedicated to ending healthcare disparities.

She also spearheads many innovative medical educational outreach programs in Osceola County. For example, the Future Healthcare Leaders Program provides local high school students with hands-on clinical experiences in the hospital. She has also partnered with the Osceola School District's Special Programs, teaching and inspiring local students from families experiencing housing insecurity and offering students the opportunity to use ultrasound technology.

Her commitment to creating immersive opportunities for elementary, high school, and college students extends to clinical and mentoring programs at the UCF College of Medicine so they can successfully pursue professional healthcare careers and improve health equity for all of us.

HONORING DETECTIVE KELSEA NELSON

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

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Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Detective Kelsea Nelson of the Santa Rosa Police Department. I have named Detective Nelson as the California 4th District's Public Safety Hero of the Year for Sonoma County because of her extraordinary selflessness, dedication, and service to others.

Detective Nelson was born in Southern California but has called Sonoma County home since she was four years old. Her family resides in Santa Rosa, and her partner works in

victim advocacy, serving many of the same vulnerable populations she does. She earned an Associate of Arts degree in Humanities from Santa Rosa Junior College and a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology with an emphasis in Law and Society from the University of California, Davis.

Detective Nelson began her career with the Santa Rosa Police Department in 2016 as a Records Technician. She transitioned to a police officer role in 2018 and took her current assignment as a Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Detective in 2023. In addition to her investigative duties, Detective Nelson serves her department as a drone operator, honor guard member and defensive tactics instructor. She has also volunteered as a Crisis Line Counselor with Verity, Sonoma County's sexual assault crisis support organization.

Her outstanding work on a missing juvenile case exemplifies her dedication to protecting the most vulnerable. In May 2024, she led an investigation into a missing juvenile case, utilizing the National Crime Information Center's (NCIC) resources to track a suspect across multiple states. Her swift and strategic efforts, in coordination with federal and local law enforcement, led to the safe recovery of the juvenile and the apprehension of the suspect, who now faces multiple state and federal charges. Detective Nelson's exceptional work earned her the NCIC 2024 Success Story of the Year award, a testament to her skill, dedication, and relentless pursuit of justice.

Detective Nelson's work shows her selfless dedication and service at the highest levels to our community and the Law Enforcement profession.

Mr. Speaker, it is fitting and proper that we recognize and honor Detective Kelsea Nelson for her outstanding service. Her tireless dedication to justice and public safety makes our community a better and safer place. We congratulate her on this well-earned recognition and thank her for her continued service.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF SANDY OPPENHEIMER

HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an exceptional constituent from my district, Mr. Sandy Oppenheimer. As a United States Navy World War II Veteran, a newspaper editor, a volunteer, and a marathon runner, Sandy has found ways to serve his country and his community. He continues to inspire all generations.

Eighty-two years ago, Sandy served bravely aboard the heavy cruiser USS *Salt Lake City* (CA-25) during some of the most famous battles in history like the Doolittle Raid, Battle of the Coral Seas, and the Battle of Midway. He was there when the flag was raised at Iwo Jima. Today, he is one of only three remaining survivors of one of the Navy's most storied ships.

Sandy was born September 1, 1925, in New York City. This year (2025), he will turn 100.

His father was a World War I Veteran, who died when Sandy was just 11, and left four young boys—at the height of the Depression—alone with their young mother. She went

to work, and the older boys watched the younger boys. All four boys went on to serve in our Armed Forces, in the Navy, the Army, the Air Force, and the Marines.

After WWII, Sandy attended New York University on the G.I. Bill, graduated with a degree in accounting, but went into journalism. He began a long career in journalism as the United Press International bureau chief in Guam. After a few more stops, he moved with his wife Mary and two young children, in 1954, to Levittown, and spent more than 50 years with the Bucks County Courier Times. He served as its editor for many of those years, writing the reader-favorite front page column, "Good Evening", which he signed with only his initials.

Sandy still remembers the day President Kennedy was assassinated, and sending people to find and stop the trucks that were just heading out with that day's edition, and pulling his team together to put out a new edition with the terrible news.

He also feels great pride when contacted by best-selling authors like Erik Larson, and Hall of Fame reporter Claire Smith, thanking him for giving them their first job.

He was an active volunteer and board member in many community organizations. Sandy was one of the earliest presidents of the Bucks County Free Library, and helped start it on its path to what it is today.

Sandy and Mary, who passed away five years ago, were charter members of the Bucks County Road Runners, and ran marathons throughout the country. Recently, Sandy was honored as the first recipient of the Newtown Library Company's Honorary Runner award at their annual 5K. He was surrounded by members of the news media who remembered working for him and members of the running community, happy to see him again.

Sandy still reads three newspapers every day from cover to cover. He appreciates the work of reporters getting a good story out to the readers and knows the importance of informing the community of the important issues we face every day.

We thank him for his service to our country and our community.

RECOGNIZING LEONARDO MENDOZA

HON. BETH VAN DUYNE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. VAN DUYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Leonardo Mendoza, a distinguished law enforcement professional and United States Air Force veteran, for his decades of service to our community and our Nation. With over 23 years of dedicated service in immigration enforcement, operations leadership, and national security, Mr. Mendoza has been an integral part of protecting our country through U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

Mr. Mendoza developed a foundation in discipline, leadership, and mission execution early on, serving six years in the United States Air Force before joining ICE. In his current role as a Detention and Deportation Officer, he leads the development and execution of national training programs at ICE's Enforcement