

American Osteopathic Association

House of Delegates

Report of the Committee on Resolutions

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Mr. Speaker, I present for consideration the resolution titled INACCURATE PORTRAYALS OF US TRAINED DOs IN MEDIA which was approved for consideration by the 2020 House of Delegates.

And I so move. **ADOPTED as AMENDED**

Mr. Speaker and members of the AOA House of Delegates:

Your Reference Committee on Resolutions presents the following summation of our meeting of the special session of the 100th AOA House of Delegates, and the Committee recommends that it be APPROVED.

WHEREAS, the October 2020 Special Session of the American Osteopathic Association's House of Delegates held virtually, is concluding its session of policy actions setting the future direction of the osteopathic medical profession; and

WHEREAS, this body now represents more than **151,000** osteopathic physicians and osteopathic medical students in this United States and abroad; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that we acknowledge the leadership offered by Ronald Burns, DO, the American Osteopathic Association's 2019-20 President for providing and reaffirming the future of the ever-growing osteopathic profession by developing stronger collaborative relationships with the AOA affiliate organizations, leading us across the finish line as we transitioned to the Single Accreditation System that was completed June 30th, and he congratulated Karen J. Nichols, DO as the Chair-elect of the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) and the first DO in that role and Congratulated AOA Trustee, Sonia Rivera-Martinez, DO for recommending the inclusion

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of the COVID-19 initiative awards as a part of the 2020 House of Delegates and reminding us that we ARE modern medicine with a personal touch: BE proud of our distinctiveness; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the AOA House of Delegates extends the full support of this assembly to Thomas Ely, DO the 124th AOA President, advocate for the osteopathic medical profession prepared to support the full spectrum of the osteopathic profession through the COVID-19 crisis. We thank him for his military service and reminding us of the importance of mentoring and our mentors. He reminded us that all of us are membership ambassadors and may be a part of the growth of the AOA. It is with his engendering loyalty and pride in our profession, that he is asking us to try it on for size, the future is now; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this AOA House of Delegates recognizes the ongoing involvement, effort, and service provided by the AOA Past Presidents and AOA Board of Trustees over these days; and be it further;

RESOLVED, that this AOA House of Delegates recognizes the collective efforts and great success in building a foundation for the future

- Expense Control and Revenue Enhancement
- Collaborative and Transparent Communication
- Enhancing the impact of our Public Policy work
- The AOA Brand Visibility Campaign

And be it further;

RESOLVED, that the following individuals and organizations be given the gratitude of the profession for their efforts in supporting this AOA House of Delegates to discharge its duty in the policy process:

- Zoom Information Technology, our new “ElectionBuddy”, and all those behind the scenes making this meeting virtually possible;
- Ray L. Morrison, DO, who successfully managed the hiccup that we woke up to with only 39% of the delegation present, and then with a dose of the A.T. Still lecture, we were

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brought up to a Quorum, allowing Dr. Morrison the opportunity to sleep soundly to the Jeopardy theme as speaker of the AOA House of Delegates;

- David L. Broder, DO, as vice speaker, and self-proclaimed **OSTEOPATHIC** Nerd who exclaimed that he was both nervous and excited for this first ever virtual, Special Session of the HOD, as part of Dr. Broder's diligent execution as Vice-Speaker he recognized the sigh, and corrected it as an actual Groan from the New York delegate, Dennis Dowling, DO
And also recognizing Oklahoma as the New York of the West; and
- Our osteopathic residents, interns and medical students who value involvement with their state, specialty and national organization, and especially to those serving as delegates and alternates during this House of Delegates; and
- Absent this year, we look forward to seeing the Pages back in future years, for more energetic and dedicated discharge of their duties; and be it further

RESOLVED; that this AOA House of Delegates further acknowledges those individuals and organizations receiving recognition including:

- Allaby (DOCARE) Award - Don Jarnagin, OD (Posthumous Award)
- College of Osteopathic Medicine Award - New York Institute of Technology COM;
- Non-Practice Affiliates Award - Student Osteopathic Medical Association (SOMA);
- Specialty College Award – American Osteopathic Boards of Family Physicians (ABOFP);
- State Specialty Award – Missouri Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons (MAOPS), who all received Strategic Team Award and Recognition Awards;
- Empathy in Medicine National Norms for the Jefferson Scale of Empathy: A National Project in Osteopathic Medical Education and Empathy, received the George W. Northup, DO, Medical Writing Award;
- COVID-19 Initiative – Organization Category: Maine COVID Sitters;
- COVID-19 Initiative – Physician in Practice Category: Martin McElya, DO;
- COVID-19 Initiative – Student Category: Zach Mitchell;
- Mentor of the Year: Drew Lewis, DO;
- Distinguished Service Award: James Lee Valentine, DO;

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- Leonard H. Calabrese, DO, and Fredrick M. Abrahamian, DO who inspired us to address this COVID-19 pandemic as an engaged and committed profession, being leaders in preventive care by Taking the High Road, standing up for science, vaccine advocacy, and utilizing the same Holistic approach used in our practices, and in previous Pandemics. Very specifically, recognizing that the psychosocial effects of patients, family and loved ones have consequential impact, they challenged us to be well poised to be proactive to promote this profession as the presenters of the A.T. Still Memorial Lecture; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this AOA House of Delegates recognizes the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians (ACOFPP) who pioneered converting, in one week, their New Orleans Annual Convention into a virtual Mardi gras to preserve the promise of lifelong learning; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this AOA House of Delegates recognizes Kevin Klauer, DO, EJD, CEO of the AOA for completing his first full year steering the ship, and keeping us financially afloat. A beacon providing the light, to find our way to this Special Session of the House of Delegates; and be it further

RESOLVED that this AOA House of Delegates recognizes and congratulates Joseph A. Giaimo, DO, FACOI, FCCP, President-elect of the AOA, and offers him the full support of this body, and be it further;

RESOLVED, the dedication and support of the AOA staff, who make this House of Delegates possible is recognized by those present; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this AOA House of Delegates extends a heartfelt Thank You to everyone who participated in this event and looked past the disruptions, as we look forward to future House of Delegates meetings that will not require social distancing, and will include Norman E. Vinn, DO's secret handshake, the DO Hug!

Mr. Speaker, And I so move. **ADOPTED**

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Mr. Speaker, this concludes the Committee's report. I would like to thank the following members of the Reference Committee for their collaboration and hard work.

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