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Sonya Cole: Community Service Champion

By Senator Rosemary Brown

Sen. Rosemary Brown presents a Senate Citation for Sonya Cole as recipient of the Ann and Joseph Farda Community Service Award. Sen. Brown is pictured with Sonya's son, Kelly Lewis.

East Stroudsburg Salvation Army held their annual Harvest Festival last night at The Stroudsmoor by Wedgewood Weddings. We were also able to honor and celebrate one of the very best among us, Sonya Cole, as she received the 11th Annual Ann and Joseph Farda Community Service Award!

I was proud to offer Sonya, and her son Kelly Lewis, a Citation from the Senate of Pennsylvania for this momentous occasion!



Brown and Flood Receives Healthcare Trailblazer Award

By Senator Rosemary Brown

Sen. Rosemary Brown is awarded a 2026 Trailblazer in Healthcare award, along with Rep. Ann Flood and Rep. Gina Curry.

What an honor to be recognized by City & State Pennsylvania as a 2026 Trailblazer in Healthcare for my work to expand access to maternal healthcare across Pennsylvania.

This year, my midwifery modernization legislation was signed into law, which updates licensure requirements for certified midwives, improves collaboration with physicians, and expands prescription authority in certain circumstances, including the treatment of substance use disorders. These updates will help ensure women and families have access to safe, high-quality care throughout pregnancy and postpartum recovery.

The law also aims to address healthcare shortages in rural and underserved communities by expanding the number of trained professionals available to provide maternal care services.

Thank you to City & State Pennsylvania for this recognition and congratulations to all the honorees, including Rep. Ann Flood and Rep. Gina Curry, with whom I serve on the Governor's Advisory Commission on Women. Their important work in healthcare was also recognized this week.

