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Dr. Monson served as the first woman president of the Michigan Association of Osteopathic Family Practitioners in 1996, president of the Michigan Osteopathic Association President in 2002, and served twelve years as a Trustee of the American Osteopathic Association. She also served three years as president of the Michigan Osteopathic College Foundation and four years as president of the Michigan Council on Graduate Medical Education. After receiving fellowship status in the American College of Osteopathic Family Practice and the American Academy of Family Practice, she received the prestigious MSUCOM Patenge Medal in 2003 for her community service. Dr. Monson was the Principal Investigator of MSUCOM's Health Resources and Services Administration Grant to establish geriatric fellowships across Michigan to current writing of a book titled, Aging Optimally, Healing the Wounds of Body, Mind and Spirit.