

In Memoriam



Jane Castor, Mayor

WHEREAS, the City of Tampa takes pride in recognizing those individuals whose commitment and dedication have made a lasting impact on our community and nation, and one of these individuals was **Dr. Philip Adler**, a well-respected and beloved Pediatrician who passed away on Saturday, November 2, 2019, at the age of 92; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Adler was born on February 18, 1927 in New Britain, Connecticut, and his passion for pediatrics began as a child while witnessing his ailing brother receive medical care from a pediatrician, and prior to his education in medicine, he served his nation honorably in the United States Armed Forces during World War II; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Adler graduated from the Medical School of the University of Vermont, served his residency at Beth Israel Hospital and Boston Children's Hospital, completed his medical fellowship at the Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit, Michigan, and thereafter, he made Tampa, Florida his home, and was exceptionally dedicated to his pediatric practice, serving three generations of the community's children without regard for their family's ability to pay, their race, or their religion; and

WHEREAS, devoted to the children of Tampa Bay, he was a lifelong advocate for the well-being of all young people and babies, refusing to practice in a segregated environment and fighting for medical equality, and he was the catalyst in changing Tampa General Hospital's mission to one of inclusion, whereby the public hospital would become known for serving all of the community, and he strongly supported and encouraged childhood immunizations; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Adler founded *The Children's Doctor*, a medical clinic for working mothers that was open in the evenings and on weekends, and his efforts helped to develop Tampa's St. Joseph's Women's Hospital and St. Joseph's Children's Hospital, and he worked tirelessly to bring pediatric specialties to the Tampa Bay area and excellence in all aspects of medical child care; he was devoted to the entire community including his service as a founding trustee of Tampa Preparatory School, and as a member of the Tampa Bay Area Committee on Foreign Relations and Congregation Schaarai Zedek; and

WHEREAS, well respected and admired for his advocacy and efforts on behalf of children and equality in medicine, Dr. Adler will forever be remembered for his deep love of his family and friends, commitment to the medical profession and community service, and especially for his dedication to the health and welfare of his beloved patients and their families; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jane Castor, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the city of Tampa, Florida, do hereby urge all citizens to join me in publicly expressing sorrow and heartfelt appreciation to the Dr. Philip Adler Family, his son Joshua, daughters Tamara and Rachel, grandchildren, and other family members, and to express our hopes that they will take solace in their many cherished memories and the considerable impact of his life on our community and the difference he made in so many children's lives.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 18th day of November, 2019.

Jane Castor

Mayor