

Navajo Nation Council honors UFC Women's Flyweight Champion Nicco Montano

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WINDOW ROCK – On the opening day of the 2018 Winter Council Session, the 23rd Navajo Nation Council recognized and congratulated Nicco Montano, a member of the Navajo Nation from the community of Lukachukai, who recently won the Ultimate Fighting Championship inaugural Women's Flyweight Title.

The UFC Champion was joined by family members on the Council Chamber floor as Council Delegate Tom Chee (Shiprock) and Speaker LoRenzo Bates (Nenahnezad, Newcomb, San Juan, Tiis Tsoh Sikaad, Tse'Daa'Kaan, Upper Fruitland), presented her with an honorary plaque and thanked her serving as a positive role model for all Navajo people, particularly Navajo youth.

Chee thanked Montano for being an inspiration for the Navajo people in a time when the Navajo Nation is dealing with many challenges economically, socially, and culturally.

"In the midst of all of our challenges, there are always special people who find a way to inspire and uplift us," said Chee. "It is an honor to have the UFC Champion with us today and it warms our hearts to know that you come from Lukachukai – from the Navajo Nation."

Montano became the first-ever UFC Women's Flyweight Champion when she defeated UFC fighter Roxanne Modaf ferri by unanimous decision on Dec. 1, 2017.

Speaking on the Council floor, Montano thanked all of her supporters and her family for providing the inspiration and ambition for her to pursue her goals, which ultimately led to her achievement. Bates presented a gift to Montano and congratulated her and her family on behalf of the 23rd Navajo Nation Council.

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During the opening of the session, the Council also honored and recognized the St. Michael High School girls volleyball team for winning the 1-A State Championship, two-time American Youth Bullriding Champion Jacob David from Grand Falls, the family of the late Verner V. Duus, and the family of David and Darlene Peshlakai.

In partnership with the Office of Broadcast Services, the Navajo Nation Council is live-streaming the Winter Council Session on the Council's designated Ustream channel. To view live-proceedings, visit ustream.tv and search for 'Navajo Nation Council' in the search box.

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