

## TRIBUTE TO JOE HOGAN

**HON. DAVID YOUNG**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 11, 2016*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Joe Hogan of Altoona, Iowa, as one of Iowa's 2016 Heroes of the Heartland, sponsored by the American Red Cross of Greater Iowa.

Each year, the American Red Cross serving greater Iowa honors individuals for their acts of great bravery, dedication and service to the community. The winners are nominated by their peers, highlighting Iowa's most compassionate and caring individuals. These extraordinary people commit actions which demonstrate the potential heroism and kindness which is in all of us. Heroes of the Heartland reflect the values and vision of the American Red Cross, leaving a positive impact on central Iowa.

Joe Hogan founded the non-profit organization, Train to Inspire, to improve the quality of life for individuals with mental and physical disabilities. He encourages participants to soar higher than their perceived limits while creating opportunities for them. Train to Inspire hosts free events that feature new experiences for participants including a Super Hero Obstacle Course. Participants are drawn to Joe and his huge heart. While overcoming addiction, Joe has developed a passion for helping others see what they can accomplish, not what they cannot accomplish.

Mr. Speaker, Joe is an Iowan who has made central Iowa citizens very proud. He has dedicated his life to quietly living with honor, doing what is right and not seeking much attention. But it is with great honor that I recognize him today. I ask that my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives join me in honoring Joe for his courage. I thank him for his service and wish him continued success in all his future endeavors.

## HONORING MR. PERCY PINKNEY

**HON. BARBARA LEE**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 11, 2016*

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with my colleagues, Congresswoman MAXINE WATERS, and Congresswoman KAREN BASS, to honor the extraordinary life of an outstanding public servant and advocate, Mr. Percy Pinkney. With his passing on Saturday, March 18th, we honor his long, extraordinary life of service and the experiences he shared.

A native of McComb, Mississippi, Mr. Pinkney began his adult life as a member of the United States Army. He later received his Bachelor's degree at San Francisco State University, and went on to receive a Master's in Social Work from Lone Mountain College in San Francisco.

Mr. Pinkney was an active part of California politics for over 30 years, serving in prestigious positions with many influential leaders. During Governor Jerry Brown's first administration, Percy led his community relations department for seven years, beginning in 1975. In 1992, he joined Senator DIANNE FEINSTEIN's

staff as a field representative, overseeing issues affecting Los Angeles' Black community. He faithfully served the community until his retirement in 2014.

Mr. Pinkney founded the Black American Political Association of California (BAPAC) in 1979. The organization has since become one of the largest political grassroots organizations in the state, with 60 chapters and more than 40,000 active members. Since its founding, BAPAC has continued its mission of developing, documenting, and identifying the resources necessary to achieve cultural, economic, and educational goals of underserved citizens in California. The organization has also played an effective role in increasing African Americans participation in the civic and political process.

Overall, Mr. Pinkney's commitment to community building and advancement is unrivaled and BAPAC's leadership has helped countless constituents develop their educational and economic goals. His love for his community and his neighbors will be remembered for years to come, and his achievements in public service have given many Americans the hope and prosperity they deserve.

Mr. Percy Pinkney is survived by his dutiful daughter, Delane Sims, his son in law, Jerry Sims, his brother, Salahudin Tulah, and many grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. He will forever be remembered as a beloved father, grandfather, and great-grandfather.

On a personal note, we remember the support, strategic advice, and friendship Percy gave and owe him a debt of gratitude for his selfless contributions to our success as elected officials.

Today, California's 13th Congressional District salutes the life of an exemplary individual and devoted community member, Mr. Percy Pinkney. I join all of Mr. Pinkney's loved ones in celebrating his inspirational life and achievements, and offer my sincerest condolences. I am joined in these sentiments today by my colleagues, MAXINE WATERS, of California's 43rd Congressional District, and KAREN BASS, of California's 37th Congressional District, who also knew Mr. Pinkney personally and valued his service.

## HONORING TIM B. WITT

**HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 11, 2016*

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a true civil servant, Mr. Tim B. Witt, who after forty years with the United States Department of Agriculture's Risk Management Agency is retiring this year.

Initially hailing from Nebraska, Tim started with the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation (FCIC) in 1976, adjusting losses, conducting training and performing quality control work. From 1980 to 1985, he worked in the Kansas City Office with the United States Department of Agriculture, holding various insurance administrative positions including several assignments pertinent to the design, development and implementation of the Federal crop reinsurance delivery system. In 1985, Tim transferred to FCIC headquarters in Washington, D.C., where he assumed the responsibility for the design and implementation of FCIC regu-

latory and oversight program activities. From 1990 through 1992, Tim managed the Office of Insurance Services responsible for administering the delivery of crop insurance programs to America's producers through the Standard Reinsurance Agreement. In 1992, he returned to Kansas City and serves as the Deputy Administrator for Product Management responsible for the administration and management of corporate policies, underwriting standards and actuarial structures related to the various risk management programs reinsured by FCIC.

Tim has had a long and distinguished career, and his contributions to the Department of Agriculture for four decades cannot be overstated. I want to thank him for his service, and wish him nothing but the best in retirement.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 11, 2016*

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained and so I missed Roll Call vote number 130 regarding "Counterterrorism Screening and Assistance Act of 2016" (H.R. 4314). Had I been present, I would have voted "Yea".

## LIVENGRIN FOUNDATION 50TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 11, 2016*

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, congratulations to the Livengrin Foundation on 50 years of providing hope and healing to those struggling with drug and alcohol addictions and for addressing the recent wave of opiate and heroin overdoses in the region. The mission-based, non-profit was one of the first Pennsylvania centers established for the treatment of alcoholism and drug addiction and has grown to include the original inpatient facility in Bensalem, Bucks County, and now eight outpatient locations throughout the Philadelphia region and Lehigh Valley. Livengrin has provided drug and alcohol addiction services to more than 4,000 patients and their families and disbursed more than \$1.6 million for subsidized and unreimbursed services. Livengrin's impact on the community goes beyond its treatment services to include innovative solutions that served as models for other programs throughout the country. Additionally, the Livengrin Foundation also offers specialty treatment tracks for young adults, nurses, other health care workers, first responders and veterans and numbers of support groups and seminars. Recently, Livengrin hosted Naloxone training and distributions to combat the wave of opiate and heroin overdoses in southeastern Pennsylvania. For a half-century, Livengrin has been a beacon of hope for thousands. We sincerely wish the Livengrin Foundation and all those who contribute to the mission continued success with utmost gratitude for the good work.