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**40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner**  
**Growing from Our Seeds of Rural Resilience**

**Friday, December 14, 2018**

**National Press Club Grand Ballroom, 529 14<sup>th</sup> Street, NW, Washington, DC**

6:00 PM Reception and Music

6:30 PM Welcome and Invocation

7:15 PM Awards Ceremony

9:00 PM-10 PM Music

***Mistress of Ceremonies***

Dr. Carol Zippert

**Program**

**Welcome and Introduction** – John Zippert, Rural Coalition Chairperson  
**Welcome to DC** – Dr. Sabine O'Hara, Dean, College of Agriculture, Urban Sustainability and Environmental Sciences (CAUSES) – University of the District of Columbia

**Reflections from Our Founding Members on 40 Years of Shared Work**

**Rural Advancement Fund of the National Sharecroppers Fund (1937)**- *Georgia Good*  
**Federation of Southern Cooperatives/Land Assistance Fund (1967)**- *John Zippert*  
**American Indian Movement (1967)** - *Lisa Bellanger*

**Working Together to Advance Rural Communities** –*The Honorable Rey Leon, Mayor, Huron, CA*

**Celebrating Our Members**

***20 Years***

Oklahoma Black Historical Research Project – *Willard Tillman*

***30 Years***

***Thirty years of The Farmworker Women's Movement***

*Mily Trevino-Sauceda, Elizabeth Cordero, Laura Gill*

***35 Years***

North Carolina Association of Black Lawyers Land Loss Prevention Project – *Savonala Horne, Esq.*  
Border Agricultural Workers Project  
Farmworker Association of Florida  
*Special Recognition- Elvira Caravajal*

**40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Partnerships Recognitions**

NASS – *Hubert Hamer*

APHIS – *Sophia Kirby*

NRCS

2018 New Partner -Oklahoma Association of Conservation Districts – *Sarah Blaney*

**Career Service Awards**

*Ron Harris – Natural Resources and Conservation Service*

*Vivian Dickson -Natural Resources and Conservation Service*

*Laurence Crane-National Crop Insurance Services*

**Lifetime Achievement Awards**

Billy Harvey (Rural Advancement Fund)

Tirso Moreno (Farmworker Association of Florida, retired)

Leonard Jordan (NRCS, retiring)

**Closing Remarks** – *RC Chairperson John Zippert*

**Introduction of RC Board and Staff  
Membership Moment**

**GROUP PICTURE**

*A Poetry Selection by Jaime Chavez with Danny the Harp and Eugene Pickett on Percussion*

**Music**

*DJ- With deepest Thanks to Our Brother, David Battey, Husband of our dear sister, Kathy Ozer*

**Dancing**

*Till we meet again!*

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