

KERMIT R. ZINN

Kermit R. Zinn was born at Reedsville, West Virginia, in Preston County, on February 11, 1919.

Mr. Zinn is an enthusiastic, industrious leader, thoroughly dedicated to the promotion of agriculture and agribusiness enterprises in West Virginia and throughout the nation.

As State Executive Director of the U.S. Agriculture Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS), he exercised great skill in interpreting and carrying out national policy for the betterment of West Virginia agriculture. In this role, he initiated soil testing as a basis for ASCS cost-sharing programs, and he procured funding so that West free soil testing; he procured federal eradication program on West Vir-waste handling pilot programs; and stand improvement practices.

After seven years here, Mr. Zinn D.C., where he for four years was servation Program that provides after natural disasters befall farm-“Emergency Conservation Program ical manual for the program.

Mr. Zinn played a major role in nia Agricultural and Forestry Hall 1974 through 1976. As a member Education for 19 years, he was a President (1968-1970), he was instru-tional-technical school on a 300-acre farm. He also served on the State Advisory Council on Vocational and Technical Education (1968-1970), on the West Virginia School Boards Association (1960-1970), and on the Seneca Trail Highway Association (1972-1987).

During his distinguished career as a public servant in agriculture, he was the moving force behind dozens of programs and actions that contributed much to agricultural improvement in West Virginia and the nation. His personal farming operation has served as a demonstration for modern and practical agricultural practices.

In 1965, Mr. Zinn received the State Soil Conservation Committee's Water Conservation Award; in 1973 the USDA State Emergency Board Certificate of Appreciation; in 1974, the U.S. Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service's Superior Service Award; and in 1978, the Soil Conservation Society of America's Certificate for Distinguished Service.



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moved to ASCS in Washington, responsible for the Emergency Con-cost-sharing for recovery operations land. While here, he rewrote the Handbook” that is used as the pol-

the organization of the West Virgi-of Fame, serving as President from of the Preston County Board of guiding figure in education; and as mental in developing a model voca-