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## **Hart Honored at League Annual Conference**

Quentin Hart, Mayor of Waterloo, was inducted into the Iowa League of Cities Hall of Fame during the Awards Banquet at their Annual Conference & Exhibit in Des Moines.

The League Hall of Fame Award was created in 1995 to recognize individuals who have provided extraordinary public service to the League and local government. The Hall of Fame has previously been awarded to elected or appointed city officials, business or civic leaders, and former members of the League staff.

Selection for the award is made on the basis of service rendered to city government generally, advocating for cities and good local government, and providing exceptional professional assistance and support to cities.

Mayor Hart has served the City of Waterloo with visionary leadership and unwavering dedication. As the first African American mayor in the city's history, he has been a trailblazer for inclusive governance and community development. Hart exemplifies extraordinary service to local government through his active involvement in the Iowa League of Cities and steadfast advocacy for municipal innovation and collaboration. Notably, Mayor Hart has:

- Spearheaded Waterloo's investment in citywide broadband, positioning the city as a leader in digital equity;
- Championed inclusive economic development, attracting new business, and fostering job growth while preserving neighborhood identity;
- Supported public safety and community policing efforts that build trust and transparency; and,
- Serve on national panels and commissions focused on municipal leadership, including work with the U.S. Conference of Mayors.

Hart is the 61st member of the League's Hall of Fame. Matt Walsh was also inducted into the Hall of Fame this year. League Hall of Fame inductees are nominated for the honor by their peers.

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