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Manufacturing Leaders Recognized at Statewide Event
Elevate Iowa Honors Significant Contributions to the State's Economy

DES MOINES, Iowa – October 3, 2018 – In its fourth annual Legends in Iowa Manufacturing event, Elevate Advanced Manufacturing, a program of the Iowa Association of Business and Industry (ABI), recognized leaders in manufacturing at an awards dinner last night. Over 200 people attended the event at the Meadows Events & Conference Center in Altoona.

Awards were presented to the following individuals, companies and organizations:

- **Tim Greene** of Quality Machine in Audubon won the Legend of Manufacturing award for companies with fewer than 100 employees.
- **Richard Davidson** of Thombert, Inc., located in Newton, won the Legend of Manufacturing award for companies having between 100 – 300 employees.
- **Jim Tyler and Kirk Tyler** of Atlantic Coca-Cola Bottling based in Atlantic, was awarded the Legend of Manufacturing award for companies with more than 300 employees.
- **Roger Brown** of Precision Pulley & Idler in Pella won the Manufacturer Export award.
- **West Delaware County Community School District and the Delaware County manufacturers Henderson Products, XL Specialized Trailers, and Paladin Implements** was chosen as the Legends in Manufacturing Champion.
- **Eugene Sukup** of Sukup Manufacturing received the Posthumous Legends award. His family was there to accept the award.
- **Kelly Mitchell** of DMACC Business Resources was the 2018 Elevate Ambassador of Year.

“As one of Iowa’s largest industries, manufacturing contributes \$28 billion annually to the state’s economy,” ABI President Mike Ralston said. “It’s an honor to recognize the founders and



leaders of these amazing Iowa companies, and to thank them for the outstanding contributions they make to our state.”

Congressman David Young attended the dinner and addressed the crowd as the program ended. Congressman Young has been recognized by both the National Association of Manufacturers and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce as a champion for manufacturing and business.

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