

THANKS TO THE
LEOPOLD CENTER
FOR SUSTAINABLE
AGRICULTURE AND,
OF COURSE, THE
SPENCER FAMILY

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❖ I also want to Thank the Conservation Districts of Iowa for providing this venue for me to receive this award. What a great group that I was not aware of until recently. Soil Conservation has been important to me my entire life even while growing up in Jefferson, IA.

❖ My father was the Soil Conservationist of Greene County from 1947 to 1973. He taught me the value of connecting to nature and the value of saving the soil. I was his “stick boy” many times as he was laying out terraces and farm ponds.

❖ Now the importance of soil conservation to nature in general has been key to a stable and diverse wildlife population including pollinators

- ❖ I am humbled by this award but at the same time it does give me more of a platform to promote the importance of pollinators and what we can do.
- ❖ Yes, I am a honey bee keeper but I have discovered in my **lifetime love** for nature is that keeping bees has raised an awareness in me of the problems all bees, including native bees, are facing. Habitat loss, pests/diseases and also the misuse of insecticides/fungicides have become a huge problem for all bee species survival.
- ❖ It is interesting that most honey bee keepers and, more importantly, the general public are also thinking these same things. The honey bee is what is called a “Gateway” insect similar to the Monarch Butterfly as being the “Gateway” butterfly. Everybody **LOVES** honey bees and Monarch Butterflies. Whatever harms them becomes news and awareness and hopefully action by the general public!!
- ❖ This has become my platform for me to pursue these issues. In my position as a Legislative Representative for the Iowa Honey Producers Assoc. as well as the President of the Central Iowa Beekeepers Assoc. I am constantly talking bees and what we can do.

All Spencer Award dollars I
am donating to the Central
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Simply said – this is a
program of connecting
beekeepers and the
beauty of nature to
educators and children

Thank You for caring about our Pollinators!!!!

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