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Meeting was postponed to Mar 27 because of snowstorm. Dan Duncan will present award on 3/27 because John can't.

Omaha Agri-Business Club Leadership Award Presentation

March 20, 2006

It is a real pleasure to present the 2006 Omaha Agri-Business Club Leadership Award this evening during National Agriculture Week. I commend the Omaha Agri-Business Club for establishing this fine award. We always need to celebrate the accomplishments of individuals whose leadership efforts contribute to our agricultural industry which is the backbone of Nebraska and our nation.

The opportunity to present this award is particularly pleasing to me because it goes to an individual who holds two degrees from the land-grant institution I represent. We became acquainted shortly after my arrival in Nebraska and when he served on our Strategic Planning Steering Committee. This person recognizes the value of education and repeatedly invests both time and resources to help young people learn life skills, obtain an education, and secure career opportunities. He also

actively supports efforts to help our young people develop leadership skills.

It was education that led our honoree to form a business more than a quarter of a century ago which serves the specialized needs of agriculture, industry, and government at all levels. This business has thrived because of his effective management and leadership to provide high quality service. He also has kept his feet firmly planted in production agriculture as a farm operator.

Like every committed agriculturalist, he devotes considerable effort to furthering the success of the agricultural industry, its people, his community, and organizations like the Omaha Agri-Business Club. A great promoter of Nebraska agriculture, he has carried out significant efforts over a long period of time to enhance understanding of the industry.

There is no question that the Nebraska agricultural enterprise is better off today because of the strong commitment and wholehearted efforts of the 2006 recipient of the Omaha Agri-Business Club Leadership Award -- Kennard E. "Ken"

Pohlman, President of Midwest Laboratories in Omaha.

Will Ken please come forward?

On behalf of the Omaha Agri-Business Club, it is an honor to present the 2006 Leadership Award to you. Our hearty Congratulations!