



Iowa Automobile DEALERS ASSOCIATION

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John McEleney Inducted into IADA Hall of Fame

WEST DES MOINES, Iowa, April 2019 — John McEleney, a former automobile dealer from Clinton, Iowa, was inducted into the Iowa Automobile Dealers Association (IADA) Hall of Fame on Friday, April 5.

A third-generation dealer, McEleney held leadership roles at the state and national levels. He was IADA chairman in 2001 and became chairman of the National Automobile Dealers Association (NADA) in 2009, a historic year for the auto industry. McEleney and his father, Warren McEleney, were the first father and son to serve as the NADA chairman and are the only two Iowans to hold the position.

“John McEleney would have been a world-class leader in any industry or field he chose. The city of Clinton, the state of Iowa and the nation can be grateful that he chose automotive retailing,” said IADA President Bruce Anderson. “It is impossible to overstate the impact that John’s quiet but tough leadership brought to the industry, especially in the trying times of the great recession when he was chairman of the National Automobile Dealers Association.”

The IADA Hall of Fame celebrates the lifetime achievements of dealers and association leaders. Established in 2008 with an inaugural class of five dealers, the Hall of Fame boasts a total of nine inductees.

About IADA

The Iowa Automobile Dealers Association is a trade association representing more than 300 car and truck dealers in the state. The association was established in 1919.

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