

The mountain runners' inspirational award is named after Robert Spurr, a man famous for being the first person to run a time on Bird Ridge under his age. He was such an inspiration that after his death from a fall in Colorado in 1995, the Bird Ridge race was re-named the Robert Spurr Memorial Hill Climb. Talk of his mountain running exploits on mountains such as Wolverine and Bird Ridge went far and wide. Keeping with the Robert Spurr tradition, AMR annually awards an "InSpurrational" award to exceptional mountain runners who encourage and motivate as Robert did.

Previous InSpurrational Award recipients:

1996 — Tim Neale  
1997 — Tom Corbin  
1998 — Barney Griffith  
1999 — Pam Richter  
2000 — Heinrich Gruber  
2001 — Ellyn Brown  
2002 — Alan "Corky" Corthell  
2003 — Craig Harpel  
2004 — Cedar Bourgeois  
2005 — Joe Mortiboy  
2006 — Norm Johnson  
2007 — Braun & Lance Kopsack  
2008 — Trond Flagstad  
2009 — Greg Brown  
2010 — Fred Moore  
2011 — Elaine Nelson  
2012 — Mary Hensel & Millie Spezialy  
2013 — Eric Strabel  
2014 — Matt Kenney  
2015 — Brad Precosky  
2016 — Christy Marvin  
2017 — Evan Steinhauser  
2018 — Matias Saari  
2019 — Michael Connelly  
2020 — No award due to pandemic  
2021 — Bill Spencer  
2022 — Nancy Pease  
2023 — Meg Inokuma  
2024 — Gail Taylor  
2025 — Lars Arneson