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RONALD A. BLOCH PRESENTED WITH THE N.G.A. INDUSTRY SERVICE AWARD

ARLINGTON, VA – The National Grocers Association (N.G.A.) presented Ronald A. Bloch with the N.G.A. Industry Service Award at the 2008 National Grocers Association Annual Convention and Supermarket Synergy Showcase in Las Vegas, Nevada on February 5, 2008.

Mr. Bloch was honored in recognition and with respect and gratitude for his loyal and expert representation as N.G.A.'s Corporate Counsel since 1985. In the proud history of our nation's antitrust laws he is recognized by his legal peers, clients, regulators and adversaries as one of the great antitrust scholars in America. As an assistant to Commissioner Gardiner Jones in 1969, and drafting the Hart-Scott-Rodino rules, to being named Assistant Director for Litigation in the Bureau of Competition in 1978, he has always been viewed as a fair, thorough advocate of the Robinson-Patman Act and related antitrust laws. On behalf of the members and staff of the National Grocers Association, we wanted to thank and honor Mr. Bloch for his loyalty, friendship and the privilege of being his first client.

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N.G.A. is the national trade association representing the retail and wholesale grocers that comprise the independent sector of the food distribution industry. An independent retailer is a privately owned or controlled food retail company operating a variety of formats. Most independent operators are serviced by wholesale distributors, while others may be partially or fully self-distributing. Some are publicly traded but with controlling shares held by the family and others are employee owned. Independents are the true "entrepreneurs" of the grocery industry and dedicated to their customers, associates, and communities. N.G.A. members include retail and wholesale grocers, state grocers associations, as well as manufacturers and service suppliers. For more information about N.G.A. and the independent sector of the industry, see the N.G.A. website: www.NationalGrocers.org.