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**NICHOLAS D'AGOSTINO, JR. RECEIVES
CLARENCE G. ADAMY "GREAT AMERICAN" AWARD**

RESTON, Virginia (March 29, 2001) — Nicholas D'Agostino, Jr., Chief Executive Officer, D'Agostino Supermarkets, Inc., received the Clarence G. Adamy "Great American" Award at the Public Affairs

Assembly in Washington, D.C. on March 26, 2001. D'Agostino was honored with the distinguished award for his unselfish and generous commitment to serving others, dedication to his community, and leadership in the food industry. The Public Affairs Assembly was jointly hosted by Food Distributors International (FDI), the Food Marketing Institute (FMI), and the National Grocers Association (N.G.A.).

N.G.A. President and CEO, Thomas K. Zaucha, presented D'Agostino with a plaque which read, "A trusted and successful businessman, a caring and admired community leader, a devoted and loving husband, father and grandfather, you truly are "A Great American"".

D'Agostino began working for his family business, D'Agostino Supermarkets, in 1960 after graduating from Holy Cross College in Worcester, Massachusetts. Over the years, he held just about every job that exists in supermarket operation, from Cashier to Department Manager, Store Manager, Dairy and Frozen Food Buyer, District Manager, and Director and Vice President of Store Operations. D'Agostino assumed the Presidency of the company in 1978 and became Chief Executive Officer in 1982. The Board of Directors of D'Agostino Supermarkets, Inc. elected him Chairman in September 1986.

D'Agostino takes an active role in food industry affairs at the local, state, and national levels. Committed to the survival and growth of the family business, he co-founded the N.G.A. Entrepreneurial Institute, which is a special program that emphasizes business planning, succession/organizational planning, as well as estate and financial planning.

"Nick has done more to help the family-owned grocery company to advance to the next generation than anyone in our industry," said Zaucha.

Due to his overriding concern for the welfare of his community, D'Agostino is deeply involved with many organizations in the New York metropolitan area. He is a member of The Board of Directors for Citymeals-on-Wheels, Madison Square Boys and Girls Club of New York City, and Cabrini Medical Center, New York City. D'Agostino Supermarkets contributes to hundreds of local school, church, and community groups to support their various activities. The D'Agostino name and business, officially, "New York's Grocer", has truly become a well-recognized and respected New York City landmark.

The Clarence G. Adamy "Great American" Award is presented to an individual or a company which has exhibited outstanding leadership and made significant contributions in public affairs community relations and industry relations.

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 in a variety of formats. Some are publicly traded, but with controlling shares held by the family. Most independent operators are serviced by wholesale distributors, while others may be partially or fully self-distributing. 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 and their state associations, as well as manufacturers and service suppliers.

