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ROUNDY'S VICE PRESIDENT RECEIVES N.G.A. SPIRIT OF AMERICA AWARD

ARLINGTON, Virginia (September 26, 2001) – John A. Zachary, vice president, Roundy's, Lima, Ohio, and member of the Ohio Grocers Association, was presented today with the National Grocers Association's (N.G.A.) Spirit of America Award at the Ohio Grocers Association's Annual Convention and Trade Show in Columbus, Ohio.

The award was presented by N.G.A. Senior Vice President and Senior Counsel, Tom Wenning, to Zachary in honor of his involvement in community and civic affairs, in praise of his support of the Ohio Grocers Association, in recognition of his active and effective participation in government affairs to preserve and foster the principals of free enterprise, and as a strong and effective advocate for the independent food distribution industry.

Currently as vice president of Roundy's, Zachary is responsible for all wholesale sales for Ohio, with over \$600 million plus in sales dollars. As a member of the Ohio Grocers Association, Zachary has served as a member of the Board of Trustees, and as a member of the Executive Committee. He has also served as Vice Chairman of the Public Affairs Committee for the Ohio Grocers, where he chaired a campaign raising the most funds ever for the Ohio Food PAC. His commitment to the Ohio food industry on public affairs issues merited receiving the Spirit of America Award.

The N.G.A. Spirit of America Award, established in 1982, honors key industry and community figures who have provided leadership in the areas of community services and government relations on behalf of a free and independent food distribution system. Recipients of the award have included former Presidents Gerald Ford and George Bush; former Vice President Dan Quayle; former Speaker of the House, Tom Foley; Clinton Administration Chief of Staff, Leon Panetta; as well as other distinguished individuals serving the public interest.

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.