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N.G.A. ANNOUNCES NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEMBERS DURING ANNUAL CONVENTION

ARLINGTON, Virginia (February 19, 2002) — The National Grocers Association (N.G.A.) elected and appointed six new members to its board of directors at the association's Annual Convention, held February 11-14, at the Paris Las Vegas Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Retail members newly elected to the board include **Dick Casey**, president and owner, Food 4 Less, Joplin, MO and **David James, Sr.**, CEO, E.W. James and Sons Supermarkets, Union City, TN.

Wholesalers newly elected to the board include **Joseph H. Campbell, Jr.**, president and CEO, Associated Grocers, Inc., Baton Rouge, LA; **Virgil Froehlich**, president and general manager, Affiliated Foods Midwest, Norfolk, NE; and David Mitchell, president, Mitchell Grocery Company, Albertville, AL.

The newly elected state association member was **James Hopper**, president and CEO, Oklahoma Grocers Association, Oklahoma City, OK.

Re-elected to the board were retail members **Mark Feldpausch**, chairman and CEO, Feldpausch Food Centers, Hastings, MI and **Jon Greenfield**, president, Food Parade, Inc., Plainview, NY.

Wholesaler **Gregory L. Tarr**, president and CEO, URM Stores, Inc., Spokane, WA was re-elected to the board.

Members who continue to serve on the board include Thomas Anderson, Gordy's Inc., Worthington, MN; Carole Bitter, Friedman's Supermarket, Butler, PA; John Bole, Yoke's Food Stores, Spokane, WA; Vincent Cannata, Cannata's Super Market, Inc., Houma, LA; Jerry W. Davis, Affiliated Foods Southwest, Little Rock, AR; Winston Griffin, Laurel Grocery Company, Inc., London, KY; James Harrison, Vermont Grocers Association, Rutland, VT; Robert Hawk, Hale-Halsell Company, Tulsa, Oklahoma; Michael Jackson, SUPERVALU, Inc., Minneapolis, MN; Richard Juro, No Frills Supermarkets, Omaha, NE; George Lankford, Affiliated Foods, Inc., Amarillo, TX; Arthur Marsh, Marsh Supermarkets, Inc., Indianapolis, IN; Calvin J. Miller, Associated Grocers of FL, Inc., Miami, FL; Jerry Nelson, Nash Finch Company, Minneapolis, MN; Gary Nichols, Nichols Dollar Saver, Checotah, OK; Michael A. Prevezano, Pro & Sons, Inc., Ontario, CA; Dennis T. Stewart, Piggly Wiggly Alabama, Distributing Company, Inc., Bessemer, AL; L. Ward Sylvester, Piggly Wiggly, Inc., Richlands, NC; and Robert S. Ukrop, Ukrop's Super Markets, Richmond, VA.

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.

