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DR. THOMAS HAGGAI TO BE PRESENTED “THE GREAT AMERICAN AWARD”

The National Grocers Association and President and CEO Thomas Zaucha will be presenting Dr. Thomas Haggai, Chairman and CEO of IGA, Inc., the Clarence G. Adamy “Great American Award” in Las Vegas, Nevada during the upcoming 2006 N.G.A. Annual Convention and Supermarket Synergy Showcase.

Dr. Haggai has served as Chairman and CEO of IGA for the past 16 years. He was the first non-wholesale food company executive elected to the IGA Board and has been instrumental in expanding the international scope of the IGA system. IGA is the only global supermarketer based in the United States and is the world’s largest licensed supermarket network.

Throughout Haggai distinguished career, he has served on numerous corporate boards and volunteer associations. From 1975 to 1977, he was the Director of Personnel for the Boy Scouts of America, the largest youth agency in the Free World. He served as an advisor to Colonel Frank Borman at Eastern Air Lines. In addition, Dr. Haggai has served on numerous corporate boards and is a lifetime trustee at High Point University and is a former member of the Advisory Board at Furman University. For more than 50 years, Dr. Haggai has hosted a daily national radio program called “One Minute, Please.” He has authored several books and is a regular contributor to various magazines, including a monthly column for the IGA GROCERGRAM.

In 1963, Tom Haggai founded the THA (Thomas Haggai and Associates) Foundation with 250 national business and professional leaders. The Foundation awards college scholarships to non-traditional students returning to school to obtain certification as elementary school teachers. The Foundation has awarded more than 800 scholarships amounting in over 2 million dollars. In 2001, he was presented with the first “Thomas S. Haggai” Award established by IGA to honor individuals exemplifying character, leadership and community service.

“Tom has demonstrated outstanding leadership on behalf of the industry, as well as being actively involved in community and public affairs. He is someone who cares about the

communities he serves, he understands that your customers and associates are also your neighbors; he exemplify what is best about being an independent community-focused grocer.” Thomas Zaucha, President and CEO of the National Grocers Association.

The Clarence G. Adamy Great American Award is presented to an individual or a company whose leadership in the food industry best exemplifies active and effective participation in public affairs as a citizen and industry representative.

Public affairs participation is a broad concept reflecting service to people as a whole or to the community at large. Service may include, but is not limited to, charitable, political, educational, or other activities establishing exemplary leadership on behalf of the food industry.

N.G.A. congratulates Dr. Haggai on his success and is pleased to recognize him as a Great American.

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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 in 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