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Grocers Recognize Thueringer as Hall of Fame Inductee

St. Paul, MN – August 3, 2017 – Bob Thueringer was inducted into the Minnesota Grocers Association's (MGA) Hall of Fame in recognition of his outstanding service and exemplary contributions to Minnesota's food industry. The award was presented by MGA Board Chairman, Mark Collier and MGA President, Jamie Pfuhl at the association's Annual Conference on July 30, 2017 which was attended by more than 350 members of the Minnesota food industry.

Thueringer started with Coborn's, Inc. in 1967 as a 16-year-old bagger in its Sauk Rapids store. When he retired 47 years later in 2014, he had played a vital role in the company's growth from three stores and 240 employees to 120 retail locations (including 48 supermarkets) in six states and 7,100 employees. Coborn's, Inc. has continued its growth since Thueringer's retirement. This is a testament to his systems and leaders he fostered.

After earning a B.A. degree from St. Cloud State University, Thueringer started full-time at Coborn's in 1975 as its operations/personnel manager. He earned promotions to vice president and executive vice president before his rise to company COO in 1999, a position he held until he retired. Thueringer's many community service efforts include serving on the boards of the St. Cloud YMCA, St. Cloud State's Foundation and St. Cloud Cathedral High School. He's currently on the boards of Coborn's, Inc., St. Cloud Hospital, and United Way of Central Minnesota.

Thueringer and his wife JoAnn have three children and two grandchildren (a third on the way) and live in Cushing.

Thueringer's dedication has earned him the respect and admiration of his peers. His outstanding commitment, vision, and leadership have made a lasting impression on the food industry; this induction to the MGA Hall of Fame is a well-deserved acknowledgement of his outstanding career.

The MGA is a state trade association representing the food industry since 1897. We have over 200 retail members with nearly 1,100 stores statewide, as well as approximately 100 distributors and manufacturers. Our member companies employ over 125,000 union and non-union Minnesotans. We actively advance the common interest of all those engaged in any aspect of the food industry as a leader and advocate in government affairs.

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