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### **Grocers Recognize Nancy Christensen**

**St. Paul, MN** – Nancy Christensen, longtime executive director of the Minnesota Grocers Association (MGA), was inducted into the MGA Hall of Fame for her outstanding service and exemplary contributions to Minnesota's retail food industry. The award was presented by MGA Board Chairman, Kim Mackenthun and president, Jamie Pfuhl at the association's Annual Convention in Brainerd, MN, on Aug. 1, 2010. The event was attended by more than 400 members of members of the retail food industry.

Christensen served as Executive Director of the MGA for 12 years, retiring in 2006. Under her direction and vision the MGA's presence at the capitol was elevated, as the association tackled big legislative issues. Grassroots activism was taken to a new level creating a significant industry voice. The association saw growth and its financial health thrived during her tenure. She enhanced the membership experience with a wide variety of value added initiatives, which built a solid foundation for the future.

Before coming to the MGA, Christensen worked at the Minneapolis Chamber of Commerce and the state chamber. She was also an assistant commissioner under Gov. Arne Carlson in the state's Department of Labor and Industry, where she helped restructure the state's OSHA division. She is a graduate of St. Catherine's College.

As chair of the Food Industry Association Executives, Christensen brought the MGA national honor and was the recipient of national awards for her leadership in the fight for fair treatment on the streamlined sales tax.

Christensen has earned respect and admiration for her years of outstanding leadership. Her commitment to the betterment of the retail food industry both on the local and national landscape exemplifies the criteria for the MGA Hall of Fame Award. Her induction to the MGA Hall of Fame is a well deserved acknowledgement of his achievements.

She and her husband Bob live in Minneapolis and have three grown children and two grandchildren. Christensen is active in retirement as a mentor, a writer and a volunteer.

*The MGA is a state trade association representing the food retail 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 122,000 union and non-union Minnesotans. We actively advance the common interest of all those engaged in any aspect of the retail food industry as a leader and advocate in government affairs.*

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