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AUSTIN, TEXAS—On September 20, 2006, the Texas Retailers Association honored Jack Gabriel as its “Food Retailer of the Year.” He was celebrated at TRA’s Annual Awards Banquet in Houston, Texas.

Gabriel is the acting President of Brookshire Brothers Ltd., where he participates in formulating and administering company policies and developing long-range goals as well as retail budgets and objectives. He also reviews analyses of activities, costs, operations, and forecast data to determine progress toward stated objectives.

For Brookshire Brothers, Gabriel has been a member of the Leadership Team that took Brookshire Brothers from a family-owned business to an ESOP Organization. This past year they completed the purchase of all outstanding shares, and they are now a completely employee-owned company. Brookshire Brothers has become a very profitable organization, reporting continued sales increases, under his leadership.

Based in Lufkin, Texas, he serves on the Board of Directors for the Angelina County Chamber of Commerce and the Volunteer Services Council for Lufkin State School and is a member of St. Patrick’s School Board.

Gabriel is also a member of TRA’s Board of Directors and the Texas Food Council. Under his leadership as chair of the Gulf Coast Retailers Association, the merger between GCRA and TRA in January 2006 was formalized and accomplished. Additionally, Gabriel has also been instrumental in working on two critical industry issues, WIC EBT and TABC Reform. It is because of his commitment and support that TRA has commended him with this award.

The Texas Retailers Association is a 501(c) 6 non-profit trade association representing all segments of the retail industry: general merchandise, department stores, independent retailers, mass merchandisers, convenience stores, supermarkets and grocery stores, chain drug stores and pharmacies, and a wide array of specialty retailers. TRA’s 1,500-plus members operate more than 25,000 stores, employ more than 500,000 Texans, and account for more than \$75 billion in sales annually. For additional information about the Association, visit www.txretailers.org.