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**NOURISH AMERICA HONORED BY TEXAS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
FOR HURRICANE IKE RELIEF**

(Ojai, CA) – With hurricane season upon us, Nourish America was acknowledged this week for its Hurricane Ike relief efforts as the organization stands ready to provide support to those affected by upcoming natural disasters. Last Wednesday, The Texas House of Representatives honored Nourish America with a resolution for helping to provide critical provisions to over 10,500 families in the Northwest Houston area after Hurricane Ike's winds devastated much of the area and knocked out power for 2 million people.

During the effort, Nourish America partnered with Robin Read, CEO of the National Foundation for Women Legislators, Mary Wong, President of Office Depot Foundation and Representative Debbie Riddle (R-TX) to help organize and supply nutritional food, beverages and sanitary items for four pods, one of which had a line of cars six miles long of families waiting for necessities. The effort was fueled by 700 local volunteers. Except for some ice supplied by the County and by FEMA, all the provisions were provided without federal help and at no cost to the taxpayers.

The National Foundation for Women Legislators and Office Depot Foundation were also honored with resolutions during the session. Present during the House session was Michael Morton, Executive Director of Nourish America, Mary Wong, President of Office Depot Foundation and Kevin Robertson, CEO of Chance to Give Foundation.

The ceremony began with Representative Debbie Riddle (R-TX) speaking to the members of the House about the important contribution Nourish America and its partners made during the crisis. The resolutions for all three organizations were approved by the House and signed by the Speaker. Michael Morton was congratulated by the Speaker of the House and received a formal copy of Nourish America's resolution. Below is an excerpt:

"...WHEREAS, Times of great crisis often inspire noble actions, and Hurricane Ike proved to be no exception, as evidenced by the generous support offered by Nourish America; now, therefore, be it **RESOLVED** that the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas Legislature hereby honors Nourish America for the important role it played in the Hurricane Ike relief and recovery effort and extend to all those associated with the organization sincere gratitude for their hard work and dedication; and, be it further **RESOLVED** that an official copy of this resolution be prepared for Nourish America as an expression of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives..."

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Representative Debbie Riddle said, “When the life of an entire region is turned upside-down with a storm the size of the state of Texas, people emerge who really come to the rescue. My constituents and I cannot adequately put into words the depth of gratitude that we feel for the people from Nourish America and its donors who have hearts bigger than the hurricane and who have been so generous providing water and nutrition when we needed them most. They were absolutely precious to so many.”

“We at Nourish America wish to deeply thank all of our supporters who made our Hurricane Ike Relief effort such a success and who made this honor possible, particularly: Connie and Dr. Julian Whitaker of Whitaker Wellness Institute, Stephanie Rudat of Alliance of Youth Movements, Tammy Faridi, Raj Chopra of Tishcon Corp, Diana Blankman of Wyeth Healthcare Consumer, Thao Pham of Clif Bar Family Foundation, Joseph Salzone of Natural Organics, Sara Newmark of New Chapter, Bruce Sweyd of Alacer Corp, Anne Kazemzadeh of Kay's Naturals, Maria Emmer-Aanes of Nature's Path, Mary Wong of Office Depot Foundation, Robin Read of the National Foundation for Women Legislators, Representative Debbie Riddle, Representative Patricia Harless, Carole Little of Northwest Assistance Ministry, Bobby Hanna of Univera, Susan MacGlaughlin of The Vitamin Shoppe, Dr. David Maccallan of Ideal Health, Mary Waldner of Mary's Gone Crackers, Sarah Keck of American Nutraceuticals, Doug Jones of Pharmavite, Al Powers of NOW Foods, Len Monheit and Jason Butterfield of NPICenter, Dean Pipher of Muscle Tech, Joe Gilliams of BodyBuilding.com, Keane Tsu of Au'Some, Inc and Marsha Koehler of Protos, Inc. You all helped relieve the suffering of thousands during a historic crisis. Thank you,” said Michael Morton.

About Nourish America

Nourish America™ is an award-winning 501 (c) 3 organization committed to improving the health of those in need through nutritional supplements, nourishing foods (including naturals and organics) and health education. Daily, 30,000 children in need, 34,000 low income seniors and 12,000 National Guard men and women throughout America receive nutrition through Nourish America programs. Nourish America also provides nutritional support to evacuees, victims and emergency workers during domestic disasters.

Through the generosity of our donors, last year Nourish America provided natural products valued at almost \$4 million. Nourish America has received high ratings three years in a row for its fiscal management from Charity Navigator, the nation’s leading charity watchdog organization. Independent audits of Nourish America’s finances show that over 96% of all donations go directly to programs and those served. Donations can be made online at www.nourishamerica.org or through Chance to Give Foundation’s iPhone charity app.

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