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Whittington Named Chairman of American Trucking Associations

Grammer, IN - Charles "Shorty" Whittington, President of Grammer Industries in Grammer, Indiana, was named Chairman of the Board of the American Trucking Associations (ATA) during the ATA Management Conference and Exposition (MC&E) in New Orleans, La., on, Tuesday October 7th. He is the first commercial agricultural transporter to serve as Chairman of the American Trucking Associations. In his new role as Chairman, Mr. Whittington will be an advocate for the trucking industry and address issues on both Capitol Hill and throughout all 50 states.

Whittington started in farming and quickly developed an agri-business career. The diversity of farming, grain elevator operations and the need he saw for specialized transportation prompted him to establish Grammer Industries in 1977, a trucking company transporting liquid fertilizer and other agricultural inputs. His present day ventures include property companies from Florida to Michigan, equipment sales and leasing, specialized tanker fleets, and terminal operations throughout the Midwest.

"I am privileged, humbled and honored at becoming Chairman of the American Trucking Associations," said Whittington in his acceptance speech. He outlined three priorities for the coming year: communication with ATA members and the public; advocacy on behalf of ATA's members; and educating members and the public on the essential role of trucking in the U.S. and global economy.

Whittington serves on the boards for the Indiana Motor Trucking Associations (IMTA), the Agricultural & Food Transporters Conference (AFTC), the National Tank Truck Carriers (NTTC), and is active in many state propane and fertilizer trade associations.

He is a graduate of Purdue University and was named a Distinguished Alumnus of the Purdue School of Agriculture in 2007. Whittington and his wife Ro Anne reside just outside of Columbus, Indiana near the small town of Grammer.

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