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'Rice Farming on Capitol Hill' Highlights 59th Annual Meeting of the Texas Rice Council

Attention All Rice Farmers and Rice Industry

HOUSTON, Jan. 28 /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ -- Please make plans to attend the 59th Annual Meeting of the Texas Rice Council to be held on Wednesday, February 3, 2010 at the El Campo Civic Center in El Campo. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. and the meeting program will start at 9:00 a.m.

This year's meeting will provide valuable information for the Texas rice industry as the program is highlighted by the participation of Mr. Vernie Hubert from Washington, D.C. Mr. Hubert brings more than twenty five years of experience working in and with the federal government with specific focus and expertise in the field of agricultural policy. His career includes a long and distinguished career on Capitol Hill as a senior professional staff member in both the U.S. House of Representatives and the United States Senate. A native of Riviera, Texas and graduate of Texas A&M University with a law degree from St. Mary's University School of Law, Mr. Hubert most recently served as the Minority Chief Counsel to the United States Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry. He also served as Majority General Counsel and Majority Deputy Chief Counsel for the Senate Agriculture Committee. Prior to moving to the Senate, Mr. Hubert spent 20 years as a professional staff member for the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Agriculture, holding several key positions while involved in all the issues under the Committees' jurisdiction. He is currently employed with Cornerstone Government Affairs in Washington, D.C.

Other presentations at this year's annual meeting of the Texas Rice Council will include agricultural water availability on the Gulf Coast, where rice prices are going, Texas rice research updates and an update on the activities of the US Rice Producers Association. This year's meeting will also include a special award presentation and the always popular door prizes. Lunch will be catered by Vincek's.

Ray Stoesser, President of the Texas Rice Council who farms in Liberty County east of Houston, encourages all Texas rice farmers, rice mills, rice industry affiliates and friends of the rice industry to attend this important event. "Our meeting this year will provide important information to our state's rice industry and its important to use the occasion to network and hear the concerns and opinions from within our statewide organization and all the various state rice groups," said Mr. Stoesser.

For more information call the office of the Texas Rice Council at 713-974-7423.

This meeting is open to all persons without regard to race, color, national origin, gender, religion, age, or disability. Persons who require alternative means of communication (such as Braille, large print, sign language), special dietary needs or language interpretation should contact: Veronica Vargas at (713) 974-7423 at least 10 days before the meeting.

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