



Nomination and Recommendation NACAA Hall of Fame Award

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Dear Ms. Kirby,

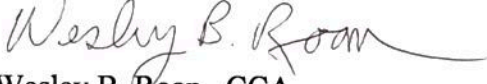
It is with great conviction and pride that Lipman Family Farms and I would like to recognize, honor and nominate Gene McAvoy to be received into the NACAA Hall of Fame.

I have been an employee of Lipman Family Farms since 1988 and currently serve as the Crop Protection and Food Safety Manager for our East Coast vegetable production. I have been in S.W. Florida agricultural endeavors for over 40 years. I have known Gene since he arrived on the scene of S.W. Florida agriculture, in 1997, with the Hendry County Extension Office. Gene has been an integral part of the development of the Ag community and has served well, our agricultural interests ever since his arrival. Gene took on the expansion of the Extension operation of S.W. FL by becoming a "Multi-County" agent serving the Agricultural organizations across S.W. Florida.

Gene has been a friend and advisor to our production operations by cooperating on various "on-farm" trialing efforts as well as providing valuable resources to our needs whenever they arose. Gene has participated in countless research and production improvement efforts during his tenure with IFAS. Gene has been a great organizer of the farming community, whenever community involvement was needed, for political or production related issues. Gene has continued to support and guide the Ag. Community during his "retirement"? Gene has been able to coalesce a myriad of personalities and purposes for the betterment of the S.W. grower community as well as other peer groups.

Gene McAvoy is the consummate Agricultural professional and is highly deserving of this recognition and it is my great pleasure to nominate him for NCAAA "Hall of Fame" induction.

Sincerely,


Wesley B. Roan CCA