



CITATION FOR ROBERT H. BUKER, JR.

Robert “Bob” Buker, you have had a truly remarkable career in the sugar industry for nearly forty years. You are truly one of the most dynamic champions the sugar industry has ever had. You have advocated vigorously for sugarcane and sugar beet farmers in front of Congress.

No one could have predicted back in 1985 that a Miami lawyer with a high-powered corporate firm would happily spend his life in rural Clewiston and not only embrace but actively promote the values of feeding America’s families, being a committed steward of the land and advocating for the greater good of an entire industry.

At U.S. Sugar, you immediately delved into the activities that have made you such an instrumental figure in the industry. The 1986 farm bill and its sugar provisions were the first of ten farm bills in which you successfully fought for the industry.

In your time at U.S. Sugar, you have weathered hurricanes, freezes, droughts, diseases and many other obstacles. You also successfully confronted legal, political and public relations challenges from activists.

Your expansion of U.S. Sugar has led to the acquisition of more than 75,000 acres of farm land, an increase of forty-nine percent. More recently you completed the purchase of Imperial Sugar, the largest acquisition in the company’s history, and one which gives it a port refinery and retail brands.

In addition to everything else, you personally donated thousands of dollars of food and supplies during the pandemic.

It is an honor to add your name to the roll of distinguished recipients of the Dyer Memorial Award.

Robert H. Buker, Jr.
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