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**Georgia Credit Union Leaders Acknowledged for Excellence in Service**

*Georgia Credit Union Affiliates Presents Moses C. Davis Awards and  
Lifetime Achievement Award*

**Duluth, GA (May 10, 2010)** – At the annual convention of Georgia Credit Union Affiliates (GCUA) held last week in Savannah, Ga., seven individuals were acknowledged for outstanding service to their communities and to the credit union industry. Each year, the state trade association honors credit union management and volunteers with the Moses C. Davis awards, highlighting those who have contributed consistently to furthering the “People Helping People” philosophy of credit unions. This year, in addition to the Moses C. Davis awards, GCUA presented the coveted Lifetime Achievement Award to honor one credit union leader whose accomplishments exemplify extraordinary leadership and commitment.

“We take great pride in honoring individuals who have helped further the work of credit unions. Much of that effort includes assisting Georgia residents to enhance their financial literacy, particularly in this challenging economy,” says **Mike Mercer**, president/CEO of Georgia Credit Union Affiliates.

The Lifetime Achievement Award is presented to one individual whose credit union career stands as an example for others to follow. Because the award is not given annually, when a recipient is selected, the honor is all the more revered. This year’s Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to **Janet Davis**, CEO of TIC Federal Credit Union in Columbus, Ga. Davis began her career with TIC in 1983 and has assisted the credit union in its growth to become the ninth largest credit union in Georgia. Davis has

held several board positions at the state and national levels. In 1998, she received both the Moses C. Davis Professional of the Year award and the Professional of the Year honor from the National Association of Federal Credit Unions. Within her community, Davis has served several business, civic and charitable organizations.

The honorees who received the Moses C. Davis awards are as follows:

#### Professional of the Year

- **Brian Akin**, CEO of North Georgia Credit Union in Toccoa. The credit union has grown in Akin's nine-year tenure, including expanding membership eligibility to over 100 select employer groups and residents of Stephens and Franklin Counties. Akin is vice president of the Northeast Credit Union Chapter.
- **Gail H. Chandler**, CEO of Regional Members Federal Credit Union in Columbus. Under Chandler's leadership, the credit union has expanded to include several new products and services for members. Chandler is active statewide in the credit union movement as well as with local community organizations.
- **Defarra "Dean" Gaymon**, CEO of Credit Union of Atlanta. Gaymon's leadership focuses on staff development and implementing products to meet the needs of low- to moderate-income individuals, while helping to improve their financial literacy. Gaymon sits on the board of the Greater Atlanta Credit Union Chapter.

#### Volunteer of the Year

- **Charles F. Grant**, board member with Augusta Metro Federal Credit Union. During his years on the board, Grant has been an advocate for members and staff. He was instrumental in the development of the credit union's new "dialog branch," helping create more personalized interaction with members.
- **Peggy Martin**, board member with Members United Credit Union in Columbus. Martin helped form the credit union in 1981 and has since held several board positions. She is active in credit union grassroots efforts and is involved with several organizations within her community.
- **Marlene Cooper Stiggers**, board member with 1<sup>st</sup> Choice Credit Union in Atlanta. Stiggers is currently chair of the marketing committee, where her efforts led to exposure of the credit union in a prominent statewide business publication. She is a long-time supporter of the national African American Credit Union Coalition.

#### **About Georgia Credit Union Affiliates**

Georgia Credit Union Affiliates (GCUA) provides services and support that help credit unions meet the financial services needs of the state's more than 1.8 million credit union members. GCUA offers advocacy, educational, operational and marketing support for Georgia's 163 credit unions, which in 2009 have combined total assets of over \$16 billion. More information can be found at [www.georgiacreditunions.org](http://www.georgiacreditunions.org).