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### **FCUL'S GUY HOOD RECOGNIZED FOR HURRICANE RELIEF EFFORTS**

Tallahassee—Guy M. Hood, President/CEO of the Florida Credit Union League, has been singled out, along with two other credit union league executives, for recognition of his leadership in helping credit unions in Mississippi and Louisiana recover from the effects of Hurricane Katrina. Hood, along with Mississippi Credit Union Associate President/CEO Charles Elliot and Louisiana Credit Union League President Anne Cochrane, will receive the 2006 Anchor Awards, awarded by the National Credit Union Foundation.

The Anchor Awards were established in 1998 by the National Credit Union Foundation (NCUF) to honor long-time supporters of the credit union movement who have contributed to the growth of credit unions and the promotion of affordable financial services to consumers.

In announcing the recipient's of this year's Anchor Awards, NCUF Chairman Mary Cunningham stated, "To scores of credit unions, thousands of credit union employees, and hundreds of thousands of credit union members, you have truly served as an anchor holding the Gulf Coast credit union system together."

Cunningham added: "I realize that no words can fully express the tragedies that Gulf Coast credit unions and their members have faced. But I hope that this award in some small way will bring you comfort in recognizing all the challenges you have overcome and all the people you have inspired."

Hood was recognized for the effort he and the Florida Credit Union League made in organizing relief and assistance to the devastated region's credit unions. Hood helped organize fundraising and other relief efforts to help the credit unions in Mississippi and Louisiana get back on their feet in the weeks and months following the storm. The fundraising efforts led to the issuance of monetary relief in the form of grants to storm victims who were either an employee or volunteer of the credit unions affected. In all, the nine FCUL employees who worked on receiving, reviewing, and finalizing these grant applications spent approximately 370 hours trying to help those in need.

Hood said that he would accept the award on behalf of the entire FCUL. "Since they could not identify our entire staff for this award, I am selected to represent our organization. The efforts by everyone involved, but especially in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, is what led folks to recognize Florida as contributing in a material way to the relief efforts.

Hood and the others will receive their award at the Foundation's 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Herb Wegner Memorial Awards Dinner on Sunday night, February 26, 2006 at the Hilton Washington Towers in Washington, D.C.