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**Florida Credit Union Association Honors
Congressman Vern Buchanan as 2025 Federal Lawmaker of the Year**

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The Florida Credit Union Association, a subsidiary of The League of Credit Unions & Affiliates, proudly announces that Congressman Vern Buchanan (FL-16) has been named the 2025 Federal Lawmaker of the Year in Florida. He was formally honored this week at the America’s Credit Unions Governmental Affairs Conference in Washington, D.C.

“I’m honored to be recognized as Florida’s Lawmaker of the Year. Florida’s credit unions play a vital role in strengthening our economy, supporting small businesses and helping hardworking families build financial security,” said Congressman Vern Buchanan, Vice Chair of the House Ways and Means Committee. “Restoring the American Dream begins with expanding opportunity at the local level. I’ll continue fighting for commonsense, pro-growth policies that promote financial access for Floridians across our state.”

“Congressman Buchanan’s leadership and common-sense approach have made a meaningful difference in elevating the role credit unions play in expanding access to affordable financial services,” commented Samantha A.M. Beeler, President of The League of Credit Unions & Affiliates. “We are proud to recognize him as Florida’s 2025 Federal Lawmaker of the Year and grateful for his continued partnership and commitment to the credit union movement.”

After being nominated by the Federal Advocacy Policy Committee, Congressman Buchanan’s nomination was unanimously approved by The League’s Board of Directors following discussion of his support for credit unions and their legislative priorities.

Congressman Buchanan has consistently supported policies that strengthen cooperative financial institutions, protect consumers, and expand access to affordable financial services. As Vice Chair of the House Ways and Means Committee and Chairman of its Health Subcommittee, Buchanan plays a critical role in shaping tax policy that directly impact credit unions, small businesses, and working families. A champion of pro-growth, free-market principles, he has supported policies that empower small businesses and backed efforts to protect the Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFI) Fund, recognizing the vital role credit unions play in promoting financial opportunity and community development.

“Congressman Buchanan has consistently shown up for credit unions - whether by protecting the CDFI Fund, supporting fair tax policy, advancing legislation to combat fraud and protect consumers, or advocating for thoughtful regulatory relief,” voiced Ibbey Dickson, Manager of Federal Advocacy at The League. “His willingness to listen and engage on the issues that matter most to credit unions and their members makes him a true champion on Capitol Hill.”

We appreciate Congressman Buchanan and his dedicated service on behalf of our members throughout the State of Florida.

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About The Florida Credit Union Association

The Florida Credit Union Association, an arm of The League of Credit Unions & Affiliates, represents Florida’s 112 credit unions and a combined total of more than \$119.3 billion in assets and 7.8 million members. FCUA provides advocacy, compliance services, education and training, cooperative initiatives, and communications. For more information, visit www.the-league.coop.

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