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The League Honors Congressmen Dale Strong, Byron Donalds, Nikema Williams, and Gerry Connolly as 2024 Federal Lawmakers of the Year

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The League of Credit Unions & Affiliates is excited to announce that Congressman Dale Strong (AL-05), Congressman Byron Donalds (FL-19), Congresswoman Nikema Williams (GA-05), and Congressman Gerry Connolly (VA-11) have been named the 2024 Federal Lawmakers of the Year from their respective states. They were formally recognized last week at the America's Credit Unions Governmental Affairs Conference in Washington, D.C.

"Credit unions are the key to financial stability and resilience for millions of families and businesses across America, and Congressmen Strong, Donalds, Williams, and Connolly have shown unwavering commitment to championing policies that strengthen this vital industry," mentioned Samantha A.M. Beeler, President of The League of Credit Unions & Affiliates. "Their leadership ensures that credit unions can continue to empower consumers, foster economic growth, and provide access to essential financial services in local communities. We are deeply grateful for their dedication and partnership in protecting and advancing the credit union mission."

After being nominated by the Federal Advocacy Policy Committee, the nominations for Congressmen Dale Strong, Byron Donalds, Nikema Williams, and Gerry Connolly were unanimously approved by The League's Board of Directors following discussion of their unrelenting support for credit unions and their legislative priorities.



“Credit unions play an essential role in the financial health of our communities, and I’m proud to support policies that enable them to succeed,” said Congressman Dale Strong, Member of the powerful Appropriations and Homeland Security Committees. “It’s an honor to be recognized by Alabama credit unions, and I am committed to ensuring Alabamians retain access to essential and affordable financial services.”



“Thank you to the dozens of credit union officials from across the Sunshine State who joined us in our nation’s capital last week,” expressed Congressman Byron Donalds, Member of the House Financial Services Committee. “I am honored to be named as the 2024 Federal Lawmaker of the Year.”



“It is an absolute honor to be named the 2024 Federal Lawmaker of the Year. Among the members represented by the Georgia Credit Union Association are Black entrepreneurs, working families, and others who rely on their banking institutions every day,” voiced Congresswoman Nikema Williams, Member of the Financial Services Committee. “I am committed to working with credit unions to ensure affordable financial services, support small businesses, protect consumers, and foster financial resources to ultimately close the racial wealth gap.”



“Credit unions embody the spirit of community and service, and I am proud to stand alongside them in their mission of economic empowerment,” said Congressman Gerry Connolly, Ranking Member of the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. “I am grateful for this recognition and remain steadfastly committed to protecting and preserving the ability of credit unions to serve our businesses, families, and communities.”

"These leaders recognize the vital role that credit unions play in communities across America—from keeping access to capital local and affordable to empowering consumers and small businesses with the

tools to be financially successfully,” concluded Grace Newcombe Colvin, Vice President of Federal Advocacy and Strategy at The League. “Their work on critical issues like cybersecurity, charter modernization, and business lending demonstrates their understanding of the challenges and opportunities facing credit unions today. We thank them for their support and leadership on behalf of our industry.”

We are grateful to Congressman Dale Strong, Congressman Byron Donalds, Congresswoman Nikema Williams, and Congressman Gerry Connolly, and we appreciate their service on behalf of our members across Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Virginia, and beyond.

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