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**LOCAL EXECUTIVES ATTEND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS CONFERENCE**

ST. JOSEPH, MICHIGAN (March 2008) - Representatives of United Federal Credit Union attended the CUNA (Credit Union National Association) Governmental Affairs Conference which was held March 3-6, 2008 at the Washington Convention Center in Washington, DC. Attending on behalf of the 80,000 members of United were Gary Easterling, President and Chief Executive Officer, Mark Weber, Executive Vice President of Finance and Technology, Duane Nelson, Executive Vice President of Member Service, and J.B. Hoyt, Secretary of the United Federal Credit Union Board of Directors.

The event provides an opportunity for more than 3000 credit union leaders to hear from political and legislative leaders about issues that are of importance to the more than 88 million members of credit unions across the United States. General Session speakers included Dan Mica, CUNA President/CEO, political commentator Chris Matthews, and columnist Dave Berry. The keynote address speaker was former Secretary of State (Ret.) General Colin Powell. In his address Powell spoke about how, as a young man, his credit union provided him with much needed financial education about everything from car loans to mortgages. On the issue of current concerns about mortgages and our U.S. economy, Powell said, "You are the one thing people can count on – a safety net, and I thank you for the service you provide."

Regarding the value of the annual Governmental Affairs Conference, United's President & CEO, Gary Easterling said, "As stewards of our members' resources, it is important that we stay

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abreast of the legislative issues that impact credit unions. Providing financial services to our members within our not-for-profit structure means that every decision we make is put through the filter of what is best for our members. We are committed to working on behalf of our members both in our offices and in the Nation's capital.

United Federal Credit Union has served its members since 1949 by helping them to build a sound financial future. Presently UFCU consists of more than 80,000 member/owners worldwide, and manages assets in excess of \$766,000,000. Its corporate offices and main branch are located in St. Joseph, Michigan with branches located in Buchanan, Niles, Stevensville, Benton Harbor and Holland MI, Marion OH, Ft. Smith AR, Van Buren AR, Statesville, NC, Fletcher, NC and Gwinner, ND. For more information about United Federal Credit Union, or to find out if you are eligible to join the credit union, please call toll-free at 1-888-982-1400, or visit the credit union's web site at [www.UnitedFCU.com](http://www.UnitedFCU.com).

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