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Hyland Congratulates CUNA at 75th Anniversary Commemorative Ceremony

Alexandria, Va, September 21, 2009, – NCUA Board Member Gigi Hyland joined credit union leaders from around the country on September 16 to participate in celebrating the 75th Anniversary of CUNA on the YMCA camp grounds in Estes Park, Colo., the original site of CUNA's founding 75 years ago. Hyland spoke briefly at a ceremony dedicating a plaque to mark the occasion, then later at the CUNA Board meeting commemorating the event.

“Take a minute to look around at the beauty that surrounds us,” urged Hyland at the plaque ceremony. “Imagine that those we honor today—credit union pioneers committed to building a system of cooperative finance for the benefit of all Americans – looked upon these same vistas 75 years ago.

“ As credit union professionals, we’ve come back to this place to honor this powerful idea and the efforts of those other pioneers, as well as to pledge our continuing commitment to help credit unions thrive long into the future. “

Speaking later in the day to the CUNA Board and guests, Hyland said: “First and foremost, congratulations on this, the 75th anniversary of the founding of the Credit Union National Association. You have a right to be very proud of the work that this association has accomplished through the years to assure that credit unions can and do execute their primary and most important mission – serving their members.”

Hyland concluded by noting that “We celebrate history today--history that contains the roots and the wisdom that can help reshape credit unions into an even greater force for change and good in this country. My hope is that you, as credit union leaders, will agree that changes need to be made and that you will answer the call by providing the kind of leadership only you are capable of and work together to shape a bright future for CUNA and credit unions.”

[Click here for a copy of Board Member Hyland's speech:](#)

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