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**LSCU Honors Georgia State Senator Jason Esteves
as 2023 Lawmaker of the Year**

DULUTH, GA – The League of Southeastern Credit Unions (LSCU) proudly recognizes Georgia State Senator Jason Esteves as the esteemed recipient of the 2023 LSCU State Lawmaker of the Year Award in Georgia. The decision was made during the LSCU Board of Directors meeting in December 2023, where strategic plans for 2024 were approved, alongside discussions highlighting the exceptional contributions of legislators supporting credit unions.

Senator Esteves, representing State Senate District 6 in Georgia, emerged as the unanimous choice for this prestigious accolade following extensive deliberations within the Georgia Advocacy Policy Committee and subsequent approval by the LSCU Board of Directors.

"I am thrilled to announce Senator Esteves as the 2023 State Lawmaker of the Year in Georgia by LSCU. His unwavering support for and dedication to the credit union movement have been exemplary," said Sydney Seral, Vice President of Advocacy for LSCU and the Georgia Credit Union Association. "Senator Esteves consistently engages with constituents, advocating for crucial issues impacting financial institutions. As a Senate leader, he stands firm in ensuring appropriate legislative measures for the benefit of credit unions."

Senator Jason Esteves, elected to the State Senate in 2022, boasts a distinguished career in public service and law. His prior role as the Board Chair of the Atlanta Public Schools (APS) Board of Education marked a transformative period characterized by equity promotion and financial reform within the school system. Esteves' leadership elevated APS's graduation rates to record highs, facilitated substantial staff remuneration increments exceeding \$100 million, and bolstered APS's fund balance while enhancing direct financial allocations to schools.

"Senator Esteves has consistently stood as a stalwart ally for credit unions from the moment he embarked on his journey in the state legislature," shared Samantha Beeler, President of LSCU. "His dedication to propelling credit union-friendly legislation has left an indelible mark. We eagerly anticipate further collaboration to enhance financial empowerment for every Georgian."

"I'm incredibly honored to be named LSCU's State Lawmaker of the Year," Senator Esteves expressed. "Credit unions represent the bedrock of financial opportunity for so many Georgians, and I'm dedicated to ensuring they have the resources and support they need to thrive. Together, we can empower communities, fuel small businesses, and build a brighter future for our state."

Senator Esteves remains accessible to Georgia's credit unions, exhibiting an ongoing dedication to serving the state. LSCU acknowledges and appreciates his steadfast commitment to advancing the mission and vision of credit unions across Georgia.

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