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**FCUL LEGISLATIVE SUMMIT FEATURES PULITZER PRIZE WINNING JOURNALIST**

Tallahassee—Lucy Morgan, long-time Capitol Bureau Chief of the St. Petersburg Times and a past winner of the Pulitzer Prize, will be the keynote speaker at this year's Florida Credit Union League Annual Legislative Summit. The Legislative Summit will be held in Tallahassee on March 9 and 10 at the DoubleTree Hotel. The Summit gets underway on March 9 with the FCUL Legislative Summit Reception that will include members of the Florida Senate and House of Representatives.

On March 10, the Summit gets up to full speed with the keynote address by Morgan. Lucy Morgan has been a journalist since hiring in with the Ocala Star Banner in 1965. She moved on to the St. Petersburg Times in 1968 and has been with that paper since.

Morgan was awarded the Pulitzer Prize for Investigative Reporting in 1985 for a series that led to the ouster of the Pasco County Sheriff. She was a runner-up for the 1982 Pulitzer for Local Reporting after she wrote a series of stories on drug smuggling and public corruption in Dixie and Taylor County.

Morgan helped secure protection for all reporters after she was jailed for eight months in 1973 for refusing to divulge the identity of a news source. In 1976, the Florida Supreme Court overturned her jail sentence and granted reporters a limited right to protect confidential sources. This case allows reporters protection when they refuse to name confidential sources that fit within the guidelines established by the court.

Morgan has served as the Times' Capitol Bureau Chief since January, 1986, and Associate Editor of the paper since October, 1993. She was elected to the board of directors of the Times Publishing Company in September, 1991.

Aletta Shutes, FCUL Executive Vice President, said that having Morgan speak to the FCUL Legislative Summit should prove to be very beneficial to those in attendance.

"Lucy Morgan is without a doubt the most knowledgeable and insightful journalist in the State Capitol today," said Shutes. "Her experience and thoughts will be most useful to those of us that will be visiting with legislators later in the day."

Following Morgan's appearance, Summit attendees will adjourn to the Capitol to meet with their individual legislators, and later return to the DoubleTree for a lunch in which legislators have been invited to attend. This additional opportunity to network with legislators will conclude the Summit's scheduled activities.

For those interested in attending, setting up appointments with legislators and staff, or those who have questions should contact the League's Government Affairs Department.