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CSBS honors Gayle Griffin with Senior Fellow award

WASHINGTON, DC - The Education Foundation of State Bank Supervisors (EFSBS) has honored the late Gayle L. Griffin for enhancing the professionalism of bank regulation through his leadership in examiner education.

Mr. Griffin, who passed away on Oct. 3, 2006, was honored posthumously with the organization's Senior Fellow award during the Conference of State Bank Supervisors' 106th Annual Meeting and Conference in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, last week.

At the time of his death, Mr. Griffin was serving as deputy banking commissioner for the Texas Department of Banking. He had held the deputy banking commissioner's position since December 1999 and had been with the department for 25 years.

The Senior Fellow Award is presented annually to an individual by the Education Foundation of State Bank Supervisors in appreciation for exceptional contributions toward advancing professionalism in the state bank regulatory system.

The award was presented by EFSBS Chairman Charlotte Buchanan, Deputy Commissioner, Banking Division, Mississippi Department of Banking & Consumer Finance.

"During his tenure, he became active in the CSBS training programs. He served as the lead instructor in our Examiner-in-Charge Schools and the bank simulation program," Buchanan recalled, adding that Gayle was instrumental in developing advance pre-course work on CD-ROM disks that students could study anytime and anywhere.

"Later, when these programs were transferred to delivery over the internet, Gayle was there again, supporting the creative use of technology to train examiners," she said.

"Gayle personified what you would like a financial regulator to be: smart, fair, practical, honest and always the professional without losing his humor," Buchanan added.

Mr. Griffin began his regulatory career in 1978 and advanced through the ranks starting as an assistant examiner in Houston. He left in 1989 to work as a consultant with Secura Group in Washington, but returned to the state agency in 1991.

He was a leader in promoting more education and increased professional standards for state bank examiners and regulators. He was active in CSBS, serving on the Education Foundation board of trustees and the Performance Standards Committee, and was a long time instructor for CSBS schools.

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The Education Foundation of State Bank Supervisors sponsors professional training programs specially designed by and for state banking department examiners and senior staff. These hands-on programs are offered throughout the year by CSBS at convenient locations across the country to insure affordable training is available for state banking departments' professional staff

The Conference of State Bank Supervisors is the nationwide organization for state banking, representing the bank regulators of the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands, and approximately 6,200 state-chartered financial institutions. The Conference is responsible for defending state authority to determine banking structure and the products and services state-chartered institutions can offer and for improving the quality of state bank supervision by providing department performance evaluation and accreditation programs and supervisory education/training programs for state banking department personnel. More information about the Conference of State Bank Supervisors can be found at www.csbs.org.

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