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Consumer Loan Group Recognized for Supporting Financial Education in N.M.

Albuquerque, N.M., April 9, 2007—The Consumer Installment Loan Association (CILA), has been honored by the New Mexico Financial Education Coalition for the Association's support for financial education in New Mexico.

A certificate recognizing CILA's contribution to the financial literacy effort was presented by Skip Cowan, executive director of the Focus Foundation and a founding member of the Coalition, to Phillip Holt, Vice President of Government and Public Relations for Security Finance Corporation, a CILA member.

The Coalition is a voluntary organization made up of non-profit associations, educators, businesses, government representatives and individuals from throughout the state of New Mexico.

"Our goal is to help all New Mexicans gain the knowledge, skills and confidence to successfully manage and improve their personal finances," said Coalition Chairperson Gena Wilimitis. "We're pleased that CILA recognizes that need and supports our group's efforts."

Mr. Holt noted that, "It is only through financial literacy that people can have an opportunity to get a handle on their money and achieve their hopes, dreams, and goals, as well as financial security for themselves and their families. We applaud the Coalition's work in this crucial area."

The New Mexico Coalition for Financial Education members include: AARP New Mexico, American General, Consumer Credit Counseling, Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, Focus Foundation, HSBC, New Mexico Bankers Association, New Mexico Credit Union Association, New Mexico Financial Institutions Division, New Mexico Financial Services Association, New Mexico Independent Community Bankers Association, New Mexico Finance Authority, New Mexico Mortgage Lenders Association, New Mexico Project for Financial Literacy, New Mexico Securities Division, New Mexico Society of CPAs, the New Mexico State

University Center for Economic and Personal Education, Popular Financial, Sun Loan Company, and Thornburg Management Companies.

Individual Members of the Coalition include: Miss New Mexico 2006 Christina Hall, Representative Rhonda King (D-Torrance), Senator William Sharer (R-San Juan), Carlene Patterson of the Council for Financial Education, Marta Nystrom of Wealth Strides, and Patricia Nie of Wells Fargo.

For more about the New Mexico Coalition for Financial Education, go to <http://www.nmfined.org/news.htm>.

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Skip Cowan of the New Mexico Coalition for Financial Education presents a certificate of appreciation to Phillip Holt, Vice President of Security Finance Corporation. The award recognizes the firm and the Consumer Installment Loan Association for its support of financial education in New Mexico.