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To the Editor:

First Bristol Federal Credit Union: A Model Credit Union

October 2009: Mr. Mark Cornacchio, CEO of First Bristol Federal Credit Union, Bristol, Connecticut proudly accepts a distinguished 5-Star Superior rating from **BAUERFINANCIAL, Inc., Coral Gables, Florida**. A 5-Star rating for financial strength and stability is the highest rating attainable from BAUERFINANCIAL (the Nation's Bank and Credit Union Rating Firm for over a quarter of a century) and is based on the overall financial condition of the credit union.

Earning a 5-Star rating denotes that First Bristol Federal Credit Union is one of the strongest credit unions in the nation. Achieving this designation for 71 consecutive quarters, like First Bristol Federal Credit Union has, is an even higher honor. In fact, only 9% of the nation's credit unions have earned this Superior 5-Star rating 71 consecutive times.

"There's an old adage that says no press is bad press, but if you've seen the banking news over the past year or two, you know this isn't always true," notes Karen L. Dorway, president of BAUERFINANCIAL. "That's why it's so important today to share some good news, and First Bristol Federal Credit Union makes it easy. First Bristol Federal Credit Union is a model credit union. You should be proud to call it Your Credit Union."

First Bristol Federal Credit Union was established in 1935 and has been serving the needs of its members for 74 years. It operates through two conveniently located offices in Bristol and can be found on the internet at www.firstbristol.org.

First Bristol Federal Credit Union: "Your 5-Star Credit Union."

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