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Cynthia Underwood, Alabama Commissioner of Revenue, Receives Award

Cynthia Underwood, Alabama Commissioner of Revenue, has been selected by the Alabama Society of Certified Public Accountants (ASCPA) to receive the Outstanding CPA in Government Award for 2001. This honor recognizes achievements of individual CPAs employed in federal, state or local government, and the contributions to the increased efficiency and effectiveness of his or her governmental organization. She was presented the award during the ASCPA Annual Meeting recently in Birmingham.

She began her career in the Alabama Department of Revenue 20 years ago. Ms. Underwood was an income tax examiner for 12 years in the Birmingham area. In 1993 she became a manager over income tax assessments and later she became manager of income tax field audits. She became the Director of Individual & Corporate Division in 1997. In 2001 Ms. Underwood became the first woman to serve as the Alabama Commissioner of Revenue.

Ms. Underwood received her accounting degree from The University of Alabama and her Masters degree in accounting from the University of Alabama in Birmingham. In 1997 she received her Juris Doctorate degree and was admitted to the Alabama Bar in 1998.

A resident of Montgomery, Ms. Underwood attends St. John's A.M.E. Church. She is the mother of two daughters and is active in the Dora Beverly Women's Federated Clubs and Zeta Phi Beta.

The ASCPA is the statewide professional organization for CPAs, with more than 5,900 members in public accounting, business and industry, government and education.

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