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American Airlines Federal Credit Union Celebrates 80 Years with Nationwide Events In All 45 of its Branches

FORT WORTH, Texas — In honor of eight decades of helping its members soar, American Airlines Federal Credit Union celebrated its official 80th anniversary date, May 19, with events at its flagship location along with American Airlines headquarters in Fort Worth, Texas, as well as all 45 of its branches across the country.

The Credit Union's Flagship branch celebrated with the commemoration of a ceremonial oak tree and plaque. The oak, which symbolizes strength and longevity, two traits the 80-year-old institution certainly shares, is also the traditional gift for an 80th anniversary. In addition to food and festivities at the Flagship branch, there were celebrations everywhere throughout the day.

To demonstrate their appreciation for being a part of the fabric of the American Airlines for 80 years of its 90-year existence, the Credit Union welcomed nearly 4,500 American employees to a pair of events at both headquarters buildings in Fort Worth. Credit Union President & CEO Angie Owens and American Airlines CEO Doug Parker were both in attendance and employees enjoyed refreshments, multiple photo opportunities and giveaways.

In addition, thousands of member-owners from Los Angeles to New York City celebrated the milestone date in all 45 Credit Union branches – including maintenance bases, cargo areas and reservation offices – with cupcakes, refreshments and a chance to participate in an Instagram contest which generated a record-breaking number of entries, but ultimately saw eight lucky winners selected to receive \$80 deposited into their accounts.

The events marked a crescendo to the Credit Union's yearlong celebration which has already included multiple product offers, social media contests and a souvenir issue of the organization's periodical **cents**® magazine profiling the Credit Union's primary founder, Victor Vernon, an aviation pioneer with a rich history as a pilot and innovator before and during his time with American Airlines.

"Our organization continues to enlist people who have a passion for helping others and who want to see them have better financial lives," says Credit Union President and CEO Angie Owens. "Vernon and our other founders' original spirit of caring for and supporting American Airlines employees and their families, which first took flight 80 years ago, continues to soar today."

Of course, the Credit Union is not done celebrating yet. Watch for future anniversary events, offers and delightful surprises to come throughout the rest of their monumental year. To keep up with everything related to their 80th anniversary, like the Credit Union on Facebook or follow them on Twitter or Instagram. You can also find them online at AACreditUnion.org.

About American Airlines Federal Credit Union

Founded in 1936, American Airlines Credit Union now serves the present and retired employees of American Airlines, their family members and people who work in the air transportation industry. Now in its 80th year, the Credit Union has more than 263,000 members nationwide and assets in excess of \$6.1 billion. As a not-for-profit financial cooperative, American Airlines Credit Union is committed first and foremost to enriching its member-owners' financial well-being through their participation in the products and services of the Credit Union. For more information, please visit www.AACreditUnion.org.

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