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CAPSTONE BANK EXPANDS TO CARY

Banking industry veteran Jonathan Taylor to head Cary loan production office

RALEIGH, NC, March 9, 2010 — CapStone Bank, a commercially-oriented bank based in Raleigh, today announced the opening of a loan production office in Cary located at 1140 Kildaire Farm Road.

Additionally, CapStone Bank announced that banking industry veteran Jonathan Taylor has been appointed Cary City Executive—Senior Vice President and will lead the Cary operation. Taylor has been a fixture in the Triangle financial services community for over 11 years, having held senior positions with BB&T and Crescent State Bank. Prior to joining CapStone, Taylor served as managing partner at Everest Group, LLC, a Cary-based real estate investment company.

“Expanding to Cary was a natural strategic move for CapStone,” said Steven Ogburn, president and CEO, CapStone Bank. “We already serve numerous businesses and professionals in Cary, and we believe a local presence—coupled with our commitment to personalized customer service –will enhance our ability to support the local market. Furthermore, we’re delighted that Jonathan Taylor has joined CapStone to lead the Cary office. His background and expertise will undoubtedly benefit the Cary business community.”

While the Cary office will initially serve solely as a loan production office, CapStone plans to eventually expand the office to offer traditional branch services to its business and professional clientele.

“I am thrilled to join a bank with a commitment to personalized customer service, straightforward financial products and the latest technology that is truly unique in today’s

banking industry,” said Taylor. “Now more than ever, small business owners need the support of their banker to help them with the strategic decisions that will help them sustain and grow their businesses. With the resources available at CapStone, I am confident we can provide business owners and professionals with a banking experience that will be unmatched in the market.”

About CapStone Bank:

Founded in 2006, CapStone Bank is a commercially-oriented bank headquartered in Raleigh, NC that provides a full range of commercial banking services with a special focus on serving the needs of small to mid-size businesses and professionals. CapStone Bank’s business efforts center on quality small-business relationships, commercial real estate lending, and personal banking business, all provided with an unprecedented level of “high-touch” service. For more information, visit www.capstonebank.com.