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American National Bank's Robert Messer Named CFO of the Year for Community Service

Terrell, Texas (Nov. 11, 2008)—Robert Messer, chief financial officer of American National Bank of Texas (ANB), one of the oldest and largest community banks in Texas, was recognized as CFO of the Year in the category of Community Service by the *Dallas Business Journal*.

Messer, who has been with the bank for 25 years, has been instrumental in the expansion of the organization from a single location with \$112 million in assets to the 36 locations and \$1.75 billion in assets it boasts today.

"Robert brings together the numbers with strategy," said Robert Hulseley, president and chief executive officer of ANB. "His leadership has significantly impacted the success and extent of our growth throughout North Texas."

Messer was recognized for the strong role he has played in guiding the bank in not only making the deals happen, but also for making the right ones. The bank began expanding from its home base in Terrell into surrounding areas in 1989 and gradually extended its presence throughout North Texas. Last year, the bank entered the Dallas and Fort Worth markets with its acquisitions of Citizens National Bank and Dallas National Bank.

"We deal in people instead of institutions—that's sold very well in our traditional home markets in East Texas as well as our new markets in Dallas, Fort Worth, and Collin County," explains Messer of the bank's strategy. "There are greater opportunities in the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex, and we think the market receives our kind of banking very well."

About ANB

American National Bank of Texas, founded in 1875 in Terrell, is one of the oldest and largest independently owned banks in the state. With assets of \$1.75 billion, the bank has 36 locations throughout North Texas serving Collin, Dallas, Hunt, Johnson, Kaufman, Rockwall, Tarrant and Van Zandt Counties. ANB provides individual and corporate trust, investment and estate planning services through its Wealth Management Group as well as personal and commercial insurance and risk management services through SleeperSewell Insurance Services, Inc. Visit American National Bank on the Web at www.anbt.com.

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