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Washington State Banker Elected ICBA Treasurer

Ken F. Parsons Sr. of Lacey to serve the nation's community banks

Las Vegas (March 9, 2006)—Ken F. Parsons Sr., chairman and CEO of Venture Bank in Lacey, Wash., was elected treasurer of the Independent Community Bankers of America (ICBA) for 2006-2007. Parsons was elected treasurer during the association's National Convention in Las Vegas.

"I am honored to be elected to this position," Parsons said. "It gives me a chance to fight for community banks across the United States, which continue to offer the best financial value and service to local consumers and small business owners."

Before his election to the Executive Committee, Parsons served as a board member of ICBA Bancard, ICBA's electronic payment services corporation, and a member of the Marketing, Payments and Technology, Policy Development and Long Term Planning committees. He is also a board member and past chairman of the Washington Independent Community Bankers Association and an advisory member to the director of the State of Washington Department of Financial Institutions.

"Ken is a dedicated community banker who is respected by his industry's peers," said newly elected ICBA Chairman Terry Jorde, president and CEO of CountryBank USA, Cando, N.D. "We are delighted he will be generously offering his time and valuable professional talents to the service of the community banking industry."

ICBA is the only national trade association dedicated exclusively to promoting the interests of locally operated community banks and savings institutions. With trusted financial expertise and quality customer service as their hallmarks, community banks offer the best financial services option for millions of consumers, small businesses, farms and ranches. For more information, including a biography for Parsons, visit ICBA's electronic press room at www.icba.org/pressroom.

About ICBA

The Independent Community Bankers of America, the nation's voice for community banks, represents the largest constituency of community banks of all sizes and charter types in the nation, and is dedicated exclusively to representing the interests of the community banking industry.

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