

# Media Release



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**To the Editor:**

## New Year, New Banking Concerns, But Not if You Bank at CapStone Bank

**January 2009: CapStone Bank, Raleigh, North Carolina** proudly announces it has earned **BAUERFINANCIAL, Inc.**'s highest 5-Star Superior rating for financial strength and stability. BAUERFINANCIAL has been analyzing the nation's banks for over 25 years and has earned the reputation as "the Nation's Bank Rating Firm", so to garner its highest 5-Star rating is a time-honored badge of distinction. Customers of CapStone Bank can be proud that their bank still shines, even under the watchful eye of the BAUERFINANCIAL microscope. The rating is based on the overall financial picture of the bank and at 5-Stars indicates that CapStone Bank is one of the strongest banks in the nation.

"This New Year in particular brings with it a whole new set of worries, but where a consumer banks shouldn't be one of them", remarks Karen L. Dorway, president of BAUERFINANCIAL. "Some banks ignored proper loan underwriting standards in recent years and are now paying the price for that decision. But, CapStone Bank is a prime example of a bank that has stuck to traditional, conservative banking strategies, which, in this climate, is exactly what the 'other banks' are returning to. CapStone Bank is a model of banking safety and soundness and its customers can rest assured in that knowledge."

Established in 2006, CapStone Bank serves the banking needs of local businesses and professionals with an emphasis on offering unparalleled customer service. It operates through conveniently located offices on Falls of Neuse Road in Raleigh and can be found on the internet at [www.capstonebank.com](http://www.capstonebank.com).

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