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**Robert E. Branch Joins CapStone
Bank Management Team**

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Raleigh, NC – Steven R. Ogburn, President and CEO of CapStone Bank, announced that Robert E. Branch has joined the management team at CapStone Bank as Senior Vice President and Chief Credit Officer.

“Bob joins CapStone with an extensive background in banking including leadership roles in the areas of commercial lending, business development and branch administration,” said Ogburn. “His knowledge of the Triangle market, along with his leadership ability and strong analytical skills, will serve him well in his new role. Bob will be a tremendous asset to our senior management team.”

Prior to joining CapStone, Branch served as the Chief Operating Officer of First South Bank and held various senior level positions with other financial institutions including Triangle Bank. He began his career with North Carolina National Bank in 1982.

A native of Weldon, NC, he is a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, the Graduate School of Banking of the South and the NCNB Commercial Loan School. Branch is actively involved in the community serving as Church Finance Elder at Kirk of Kildaire Presbyterian Church and as a Board Member at MacGregor Downs Country Club.

About CapStone Bank:

CapStone Bank is a commercially-oriented bank that provides a full range of commercial banking services with a special focus on serving the needs of small to mid-size businesses. 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. Our lending services, remote deposit service, and other conveniences will make a CapStone banking relationship as customer-friendly as it is rewarding. For more information, visit www.capstonebank.com.

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