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SARASOTA BANKER NAMED BANKER OF THE YEAR

Tallahassee—The Florida Bankers Association (FBA) recently named Sarasota banker Charlie Murphy Banker of the Year. Murphy, president and CEO of Bank of Commerce, accepted the award at the FBA's Annual Convention held this year at The Breakers in Palm Beach.

"I am incredibly honored to have been named Banker of the Year," said Murphy. "To be selected for this award from such an amazing group of peers and colleagues makes this award even more special."

Each year, the FBA Executive Committee selects a Banker of the Year who has given so unselfishly of his or her time and effort to improve the Florida banking industry, as well as is his or her community.

"The Florida Bankers Association is full of members who work are dedicated to improving the business climate and the economy of our state," said FBA President and CEO Alex Sanchez. "Charlie's tireless efforts, dedication and loyalty to the banking industry, to his state and to his community serve as a tremendous example for each of us in our own personal and professional lives."

The FBA endeavors to keep the award recipient a secret, until a video presentation is made of the award-winner at a special ceremony. The video documents the banker's distinguished career in the industry. Family members, close friends and colleagues are also included in the production.

"I was shocked and nearly overwhelmed when that video started rolling," said Murphy. "It's just a tremendous honor and one I was glad to share with everyone in attendance."

Murphy currently serves on the FBA Board of Directors and is a member of the Executive Committee. He was recently nominated for an additional term as a member of the American Bankers Association's Government Relations Council. He also serves as Chairman of the Board of Independent Bankers Bank of Florida.

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Murphy is a very active member of the Florida Bankers Association. Previous involvement includes serving as Chairman of the BankPAC (Political Action Committee) Board of Directors and on the Association's Government Relations Council Board of Directors. Murphy served as the 2006 Annual Convention Chairman for the FBA.

Murphy is involved in a number of community organizations in Sarasota. Currently, he is a member of the Doctors Hospital Board of Trustees. Murphy served as Chairman of the Greater Sarasota Chamber of Commerce. He was a two-time Chairman of the United Way of Sarasota.

The Bank of Commerce opened in 2000 as an independent community bank providing a full-range of personal and business-banking services. It currently has three full-service banking centers in the Sarasota/Manatee area.

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