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Roxboro Branch Receives Fidelity Bank President's Award *Roxboro Branch Honored at 2009 Annual Meeting*

FUQUAY-VARINA, North Carolina (February 23, 2009) - Fidelity Bank is pleased to announce its team in Roxboro was awarded the President's Award for outstanding service in 2008, at the bank's annual meeting on February 7, 2009. This is the most prestigious award at Fidelity Bank and is chosen on several factors, including the growth of the branch deposit and loan portfolio, service, customer retention, and creating new customer relationships.

The Roxboro team includes Derek Green, Vice President; Kimberly Hawkins, Office Manager; Alicia Roberts, Customer Service Representative; and Tellers Linda Oakley, Lydia Mebane, and Carly Shanklin. Together these associates have more than 85 years of experience in banking.

"I am honored to present this award to the Roxboro team," says Mike Whitley, President and CEO of Fidelity Bank. "They truly work together to fulfill our bank's mission to be the independent, sound and profitable bank that businesses and families come to first – and bank with for life".

Founded in 1909, Fidelity Bank is a full-service financial institution with approximate assets of \$1.4 billion headquartered in Fuquay-Varina, North Carolina. The Bank owns and operates 69 branches in 26 counties throughout North Carolina and Virginia and is celebrating its centennial during 2009. For more information, please visit www.fidelitybanknc.com.

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