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Eatonton Banker Attends American Bankers Association Meeting

Eatonton, Georgia, May 12, 2005 – Charles R. Haley, President/Chief Financial Officer, The Peoples Bank, Recently attended a meeting of the American Bankers Association’s Community Bankers Council in San Francisco, association on issues affecting the nation’s community banks.

Council members heard updates on important banking issues being considered by legislators and regulators. They also discussed innovative ways to better serve their customers and their communities. The meeting took place at the Fairmont San Francisco Hotel, April 30 – May 2.

Haley also met with Wayne Abernathy of recently of the Treasury Department, currently Executive Director of Financial Institutions, Policy, and Regulatory Affairs with the ABA to be updated on the current status of such issues as Social Security reform, Bankruptcy, and other issues affecting community banks.

“The meeting gave me an excellent opportunity for me to provide my bank’s and my community’s perspective on the major banking issues being discussed in Washington,” said Haley. “The meeting also offered valuable information that I can take back to my bank and my peers in the industry.”

The ABA Community Bankers Council is comprised of 100 bankers from institutions generally with under \$1 billion in assets. Members are appointed from all 50 states by the ABA Chairman. Georgia has only two delegates. These delegates also meet annually in Washington to have the opportunity to lobby for Community Banks with our House and Senate representatives.

Haley, a lifelong resident of Putnam County, has been with The Peoples Bank for 17 years. While holding many positions, Haley has provided strong leadership and direction as President. He is also an active member of the First United Methodist Church of Eatonton as well as many, many local community organizations