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U.S. CENTURY BANK NAMES RODNEY BARRETO TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MIAMI, February 13, 2003 – Miami-based U.S. Century Bank today announced that local business and civic leader Rodney Barreto has been named to its Board of Directors.

“Mr. Barreto’s civic involvement, business experience, and expertise in public policy brings a unique and complementary perspective to our board,” said Ramon E. Rasco, U.S. Century Bank’s Chairman. “His track record as a longtime community and business leader will provide U.S. Century with even stronger leadership.”

“It’s both a privilege and an honor to serve as a fellow board member alongside such a distinguished group of directors,” said Barreto. “Given their experience and commitment to serving the needs of local business owners, U.S. Century is poised to become one of South Florida’s top financial institutions. I look forward to playing a valuable part in ensuring the bank’s future success.”

Barreto is a founding partner of Barreto, Cunningham, May, Dudley, Maloy, a corporate and public affairs firm in Miami and Tallahassee. He also is the owner of Metro Parking Inc., a parking management company in the Downtown Miami area, and of BODE Export/Trading, a company specializing in export and professional purchasing.

His professional career has been accompanied by years of successful civic involvement. He currently serves on the Executive Committee of the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce. He also is a Foundation Board Member of Baptist Health System as well as a member of the Board of Trustees of Goodwill Industries. Most recently, he was appointed by Governor Jeb Bush to serve as Vice Chairman of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

Many of U.S. Century Bank’s directors served on the Board of Ready State Bank, a Hialeah-based community bank that grew to nearly \$700 million in total assets before it was acquired by Union Planters Bank in 1998. In addition to Mr. Barreto, the Bank’s Board of Directors and principal investors include Frank Angones, of the law firm of Angones, Hunter & McClure, P.A., Carlos García of Luxcom Development and GSG Development Group, Armando Guerra of Sedano’s Pharmacy and Discount Stores, Agustín Herrán of General Real Estate Corporation, Manuel Herrán of Sedano’s Supermarkets, Sergio Pino of Century Homebuilders Group, Octavio Hernández, President and CEO of U.S. Century Bank, and Ramón Rasco of the law firm of Rasco Reininger Pérez & Esquenazi, P.L.

U.S. Century Bank is a state-chartered, Miami-based community bank with \$81 million in total assets, more than \$19 million in loans and \$30 million in capital. The bank, which commenced operations on October 28, 2002, focuses on serving South Florida’s small and medium-sized business community. U.S. Century Bank is located at 7575 West Flagler Street in Miami, Florida.

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