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OCTAVIO HERNÁNDEZ PRESIDENT AND C.E.O. OF U.S. CENTURY BANK IS NAMED VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MIAMI, **May 21, 2008** – U.S. Century Bank has named Octavio Hernández Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors of the community bank.

“We are very pleased to announce Mr. Hernández’s appointment to vice chairman of the board of directors as he will be instrumental to the bank’s continued growth and success,” said Ramon E. Rasco, Chairman of the Board of Directors. “He has done a fantastic job at growing U.S. Century Bank to \$1.4 billion in assets and 18 branches in only five years. We also anticipate an additional six to eight new branches opening in the next 18 to 24 months,” he added.

In addition to continuing to run the day-to-day operations as President and Chief Executive Officer, he will work closely with the board of directors on strategic planning, entering new markets, possible acquisitions and other business ventures. Mr. Hernández is one of U.S. Century Bank’s founders and under his administration, the bank has grown to be one of the strongest banks in Miami-Dade County. It has been recognized by The Beacon Council, The Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce, The South Florida Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and the Latin Builders Association as a leader in the banking industry.

Mr. Hernández currently serves on the Board of The Florida Bankers Association. This year, he received the “Banker of the Year Award” from the South Florida Hispanic Chamber of



Commerce, and was inducted into the Miami Dade College Hall of Fame for his accomplishments in banking. Mr. Hernández was also named “Banker of the Year 2004-2005” by The Cuban American Bankers Association.

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Established in 2002, U.S. Century Bank is one of the 10 largest community banks headquartered in Miami, with assets of \$1.4 billion. Through its network of 18 branch locations and its online banking platform, it offers its customers a wide range of financial products and services. U.S Century Bank is the recipient of the 2008 Beacon Award in Financial Services and a 2008 Outstanding Minority Business Award from the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce. Earlier this year, it was rated one of the top three safest banks in Miami-Dade County by *TheStreet.com*, a New York-based financial news and analysis company. For more information or to find a U.S. Century branch near you, call (305) 715-5200 or visit www.uscentury.com.

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