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COMMUNITY FIRST BANK RECEIVES BAUER 5-STAR RATING FOR FINANCIAL STRENGTH

SENECA, SC—Community First Bank has been awarded a 5-star “Superior” rating by independent bank rating and research firm BauerFinancial, Inc. of Coral Gables, FL. The honor, the highest given by the firm, is based upon the financial condition of the bank and indicates that Community First “is one of the strongest banks in the country.”

BauerFinancial analyzes the past and present financial condition of banks to ensure that taking care of depositors is a top priority. It also looks at numerous ratios and calculations based on regulatory reports filed by the bank each quarter to determine its relative strength. Ratings range from “Zero” (Troubled) to “5-Star” (Superior).

“Our motto is ‘We know what matters’ and, to us, that means providing customer value while maintaining our institutional strength,” said Community First President and CEO Richard D. Burleson. “This rating validates our approach to banking, and we’re proud to be recognized for it.”

Community First Bank maintains seven full-service financial centers: two each in Seneca and Anderson and single locations in Williamston, Walhalla and Westminster, South Carolina; and four LPOs located in Greenville, SC, Fort Mill, SC, Concord, NC, and Charlotte, NC.

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