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### **FIRST STATE ANNOUNCES THE PROMOTION TAMMY BARR**

BROWNSVILLE, Tenn. – Tammy Barr has been named assistant vice president for First State Mortgage. She has been employed with First State for 4 years. She is located at 111 Peachtree Plaza in Brownsville, Tennessee. First State offers both consumer finance and mortgage services through this office. As a member of First State, she is responsible for serving the Haywood and Lauderdale counties with a variety of home loan options.

Barr is a graduate of Haywood High School. She has an associate degree in business from Jackson State Community College and a bachelor's degree in management from the University of Memphis. Barr is a member of Brownsville Baptist Church. She is a graduate of Leadership Haywood County and serves as a Haywood County Ambassador, board member for Haywood Dixie Youth Baseball as special events coordinator, enjoys helping out with HMS Cheer squad and volunteering with Brownsville Baptist youth ministry.

“I have the utmost confidence in Tammy to lead our Mortgage efforts in Southwest Tennessee,” said Jeff Devereaux, executive vice president of First State Mortgage. “Her vast experience and professionalism will be an enormous benefit to our customers.”

“I am truly honored to receive this promotion. First State is an incredible company to work for and has a vested interest in the success of its employees,” says Barr. “I am grateful for the opportunity to continue to grow with First State and be part of the exciting things to come in Brownsville.”

First State Mortgage is a division of First State Bank, which is owned by Community First Bancshares, a holding company headquartered in Union City, Tenn. Community First Bancshares also operates an insurance company, a specialized ag services division, investment services, a small business lending division, a consumer finance company, an employee benefits division, a specialized trust services division, and an indirect auto financing division at various locations across the state.

First State Mortgage has fourteen mortgage offices located throughout Tennessee. The mortgage company has offices in the communities of Atoka, Brownsville, Dyersburg, Franklin, Hendersonville, Henderson, Humboldt, Jackson, Knoxville, Lexington, Memphis, Maryville, Nashville and Union City.

The banking company has assets totaling over \$1.8 billion. The banking company has offices in the communities of Blount, Davidson, Dyer, Gibson, Haywood, Henderson, Knox, Madison, Obion, Robertson, Shelby, Sumner, Tipton, Weakley, and Williamson counties in Tennessee. Its metropolitan markets include Collierville, Franklin, Gallatin, Goodlettsville, Hendersonville, Jackson, Knoxville, Memphis, Nashville, and White House.

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