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**Monroe Bank Announces New Appointments and Promotions**

**BLOOMINGTON, Ind.** — Monroe Bank is pleased to announce the appointment of **Esther Fuentes as Banking Center Manager of their Walnut Park Banking Center** in Bloomington. Fuentes comes to Monroe Bank with over five years of management experience, with the past three of these years as branch manager at US Bank. Fuentes has been promoted several times over the past five years. Fuentes brings with her a strong background in financial services and is fluent in English and Spanish. Since 2007, she has been an active board member of HUMADOAP, an organization that empowers the Hispanic/Latino community to eliminate the negative impact of HIV/AIDS, violence and the abuse of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs through culturally sensitive prevention, education, intervention, and treatment services.

Monroe Bank is also pleased to welcome **Crystal Taylor-Baker as Vice President, Commercial Loan Officer**. Taylor-Baker joins Monroe Bank after a ten-year tenure at Old National as Vice President, Commercial Relationship Manager. In addition, she is an experienced commercial credit analyst and a cash management representative. Taylor-Baker graduated from Indiana University's Kelley School of Business with a Bachelor of Science degree in finance and real estate. She has a credit risk certification (RMA-CRC) and is a certified mortgage planner. She is also a graduate of the Leadership Bloomington/Monroe County program. Taylor-Baker's community service and involvement includes the IU Alumni Association, Monroe County Chapter (Vice President, Board of Directors); WonderLab Museum of Science, Health and Technology (Secretary, Board of Directors); Bloomington Hospital Foundation – Hoosiers Outrun Cancer (Internal Race Operations); and Community Foundation of Monroe County (Scholarship Selection Committee).

Monroe Bank is pleased to announce the **promotion of Susan Johnson to Vice President, Commercial Loan Officer**. Johnson started her career with Monroe Bank in 2000 as a Commercial Loan Assistant, and has held several positions over the years, including Credit Analyst, Commercial Loan Portfolio Manager, and Commercial Loan Officer. She was promoted to Assistant Vice President, Commercial Loan Officer in April 2007. In 2008, she was the recipient of the bank's annual Most Valuable Performer (MVP) award in the Commercial Banking category. Johnson is a board member of the Lawrence County Economic Growth Council and serves on the Executive Committee and is also active with the Bedford Area Chamber of Commerce. She earned a bachelor's degree from Ball State University. Johnson serves the Lawrence and Jackson County markets.

Monroe Bancorp, headquartered in Bloomington, Indiana, is an Indiana bank holding company with Monroe Bank as its wholly owned subsidiary. Monroe Bank was established in 1892 and offers a full range of financial, trust and investment services through its 17 offices in Central and South Central Indiana. The Company's common stock is traded on the NASDAQ Global® Stock Market under the symbol MROE.

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