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LONG-TIME MURFREESBORO BANKING EXECUTIVE
BOB MURFREE JOINS PINNACLE

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 1, 2005 - Veteran Murfreesboro banker and community leader Bob Murfree has joined Pinnacle Financial Partners and will be part of the firm's Rutherford County operation when Pinnacle completes its planned acquisition of Cavalry Banking in Rutherford County.

Murfree, who started his financial services career in at Murfreesboro Bank and Trust in 1972, will be a financial advisor serving the Rutherford County market. He will work from Cavalry's downtown office.

"Bob has long been a formidable competitor," said Cavalry Chief Administrative Officer Bill Jones, who will be Pinnacle's Rutherford County area executive when the transaction is complete. "He has a wealth of knowledge and is passionate about providing exceptional client service. We are very excited about the prospect of being on the same team with him."

Murfree helped found First City Bank in Mufreesboro in 1985, where he served as president and CEO until the bank was acquired by First American Corporation in 1996. He served as First American's Murfreesboro city president and continued in that role when First American was acquired by AmSouth in 1999. Murfree retired from banking in 2004 to run a family real estate business and serve as a substitute teacher for area high schools.

"I had the good fortune of working with the Pinnacle management group when we were at First American together, and I have always had a healthy respect for the team at Cavalry. Being associated with Pinnacle and working with the associates at Cavalry is the only scenario I can think of that would prompt me to come out of early retirement," Murfree said.

Terry Turner, Pinnacle president and CEO, said, "There is virtually no one who knows the Rutherford County market better than Bob. With his active community involvement and his extensive financial experience, he will be a tremendous asset in our ability to serve this market better than any other financial institution."

Murfree, a graduate of the University of the South at Sewanee, is also a graduate of the School of Banking of the South at Louisiana State University, the Tennessee Banking School at Vanderbilt University and the Commercial Lending School at the University of Oklahoma. He served in the Tennessee National Guard

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from 1970-1976 where he was a staff sergeant. He and his wife Betsy Phillips Murfree have three children and attend First Methodist Church.

Cavalry Banking, which in October announced plans to become a part of Pinnacle, holds the No. 1 market share position in Rutherford County. Once Cavalry becomes part of Pinnacle, the combined company will be the second largest financial institution headquartered in Tennessee, with a projected \$1.6 billion in assets. The acquisition, which is subject to regulatory and shareholder approval, is expected to be complete in early 2006.

Combined, Pinnacle and Cavalry will have 16 offices in the Nashville-Davidson-Murfreesboro metropolitan statistical area (MSA) and one in neighboring Bedford County.

Additional information concerning Pinnacle can be accessed at www.pnfp.com. Additional information regarding Cavalry Banking can be accessed at www.CavalryBanking.com.

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ON NOVEMBER 14, 2005, PINNACLE'S REGISTRATION STATEMENT FILED WITH THE SEC (FILE NO. 333-129076), WHICH CONTAINED A JOINT PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS RELATED TO THE PROPOSED PINNACLE/CAVALRY MERGER WAS DECLARED EFFECTIVE. INVESTORS AND SECURITY HOLDERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO READ THE JOINT PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS AND ANY OTHER RELEVANT DOCUMENTS TO BE FILED WITH THE SEC IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROPOSED TRANSACTION BECAUSE THEY WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT PINNACLE, CAVALRY AND THE PROPOSED TRANSACTION.

Investors and security holders may obtain free copies of these documents once they are available through the website maintained by the SEC at <http://www.sec.gov>. Free copies of the joint proxy statement/prospectus also may be obtained by directing a request by telephone or mail to Pinnacle Financial Partners Inc., 211 Commerce Street, Suite 300, Nashville, TN 37201, Attention: Investor Relations (615) 744-3710 or Cavalry Banking Corp., 114 West College

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