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Cooper & Goolsby Join Heritage Bank & Trust

March 1, 2017 - Heritage Bank & Trust is pleased to announce the additions of Brian Cooper and Carrie Goolsby to the bank's lending team. Cooper joins Heritage Bank & Trust as a vice president, and will oversee Northside branch operations, located at 823 Nashville Highway, Columbia, TN. Goolsby joins Heritage Bank & Trust as a commercial bank officer.

Cooper has over 30 years banking experience. He began his career at First Farmers & Merchants Bank serving in many capacities, primarily commercial and consumer lending. He most recently served as a vice president at Regions Bank.

Cooper holds an M.B.A. from Middle Tennessee State University and obtained his undergraduate degree from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. He continued his education in banking at both the Graduate School of Banking of the South at Louisiana State University, and the Commercial Lending School at Vanderbilt University. He previously taught banking and finance courses at Columbia State Community College and has held board member positions with both the Maury County United Way and Maury County Habitat for Humanity.

Goolsby has been in banking for 23 years. She began her career at Third National (now SunTrust Bank) and has most recently served at the Lawrenceburg branch of the Bank of Frankewing where she specialized in both deposit and loan relationships.

"We are delighted to have both Brian and Carrie join our lending staff, as their combined experience in banking is well over 50 years," says President and CEO Jim Robinson. "They will

allow us to expand opportunities within our trade area, and their diverse background in bank operations complements our bank's desire to be a true community bank.”

Goolsby graduated from Columbia State Community College with an Associates of Science degree and continues her banking education through the Tennessee Bankers Association.

Heritage Bank & Trust is a community bank with two offices in Columbia, Tennessee. As of December 2016, Heritage Bank & Trust had total assets of approximately \$115 million and celebrated its third straight year of record earnings.