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July 10, 2020

Oklahoma Bankers Association
Attn: Lea Ann Jackson
643 NE 41st Street
Oklahoma City, OK 73105

Dear Ms. Jackson,

This letter is to support the 2020 nomination of James R. Hamby of Ada, OK for induction into the Oklahoma Bankers Hall of Fame.

I've had the good fortune of knowing Jim since 1995 when he first joined the board of directors of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Topeka (FHLBank). I know Jim to be an outstanding banker of high character and integrity. I am proud to call Jim a good friend of mine.

Jim was elected by the Oklahoma members of the FHLBank to serve six terms as a member director on our board, serving from 1995 through 2000 (three terms) and 2007 through 2017 (three terms) for a total of 17 years on our board. During his time on the FHLBank's board, he served as chair of the audit committee from 1997 through 2000, chair of the operations committee from 2007 through 2017, and member of the executive committee from 1997 through 2000 and 2007 through 2017.

For those who may not know about the FHLBank Topeka, it is a cooperative financial services firm serving member financial institutions within its four-state district of Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska and Oklahoma. Prior to the passage of Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery, and Enforcement Act of 1989 (FIRREA), only thrift institutions and insurance companies were eligible for membership. With the passage of FIRREA, commercial banks became eligible for FHLBank membership and Jim's bank (now Vision Bank, NA) became one of the first Oklahoma banks to join as an FHLBank member in May 1992. Jim was voted onto the FHLBank's board of directors during 1994 to a term beginning January 1, 1995. Then, for Jim to have been elected for two more terms and termed out in 2000 (three consecutive term limit) and subsequently be re-elected again in 2006, 2009 and 2013 speaks volumes of Jim's respect by his fellow Oklahoma FHLBank members.

I strongly encourage you to elect Mr. James R. Hamby to the Oklahoma Bankers Hall of Fame. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (785) 478-8001 (work), (785) 215-5563 (cell) or mark.yardley@fhlbtopeka.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mark E. Yardley". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized initial "M".

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July 9, 2020

Oklahoma Bankers Association
Hall of Fame Selection Committee

RE: James Hamby

Greetings Selection Committee,

I am writing this letter on behalf of James R. (Jim) Hamby who has been a journeyman banker his entire life. Jim's leadership of Vision Bank has grown it to be one of the best banks in Oklahoma as well as in eastern Oklahoma. Jim's knowledge of the history of banking and Oklahoma in general makes him uniquely qualified to be called "one of the best". It has been a joy to work with him on numerous issues important to the health and wellbeing of Oklahoma Bankers even when it was not easy. Jim has always been a very strong supporter of the Oklahoma Bankers Association and was always there to help on crucial banking issues. It has been a pleasure to work with him all these years and I consider him one of the best bankers in the state.

It is without reservation that I highly recommend James R. Hamby as a member of the 2020 Oklahoma Bankers Hall of Fame. Please feel free to contact me concerning any of my comments in this letter.

Sincerely

Douglas Tippens
Executive Vice President

MEMBER
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Dear OBA,

This letter will serve as my support for Jim Hamby to be admitted to the OBA Hall of Fame. Mr. Hamby is a colleague, competitor, and friend. I have known him for over forty years and can personally vouch for his character and integrity.

Mr. Hamby has been a staunch supporter and advocate for our industry. He has served on the OBA Board and the Government Relations Committee for many years. He has made many trips to Washington, DC and to Oklahoma City to promote community banking and develop relations with our elected officials. His service to his community and his bank is exemplary. Jim also represented our industry and state well with his long-time tenure as elected director of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Topeka.

Jim Hamby would be a worthy member of the Oklahoma Bankers Hall of Fame and I enthusiastically recommend him.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "G. Bridger Cox". The signature is written in a cursive style.

G. Bridger Cox
Chairman of the Board, President & CEO