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Bank of the Ozarks, Inc. Announces Increased Regular Quarterly Dividend

LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS – Bank of the Ozarks, Inc. (NASDAQ: OZRK) announced its Board of Directors has approved a regular quarterly cash dividend of \$0.15 per common share payable April 23, 2010 to shareholders of record as of April 16, 2010. This dividend of \$0.15 per share represents an increase of \$0.01 per share, or 7.1%, over the dividend paid in the previous quarter, and is the second consecutive quarter in which the dividend was increased.

Bank of the Ozarks, Inc. is a bank holding company with \$2.77 billion in total assets as of December 31, 2009, and trades on the NASDAQ Global Select Market under the symbol “OZRK”. The Company owns a state chartered subsidiary bank that conducts banking operations through 78 offices including 65 banking offices in 34 communities throughout northern, western and central Arkansas, seven Texas banking offices, five Georgia banking offices, and a loan production office in Charlotte, North Carolina. The Company may be contacted at (501) 978-2265 or P. O. Box 8811, Little Rock, Arkansas 72231-8811. The Company's website is: www.bankozarks.com.