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Octavio Hernández Receives South Florida Hispanic Chamber of Commerce 2008 Banker of The Year Award

MIAMI, **March 17, 2008** – Octavio Hernández, U.S. Century Bank President and Chief Executive Officer received the South Florida Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (SFHCC) 2008 Banker of the Year Award. Hernández accepted the award during the Chamber's recent 13th Annual Bankers luncheon where Alex Sink, State of Florida Chief Financial Officer and Frank Angones, President, Florida Bar Association served as keynote speakers.

"During my banking career, I have had the privilege of working with some very talented and seasoned bankers who truly laid the foundation for South Florida's banking industry and served as mentors," said Hernández. "My greatest professional accomplishment has been the success of U.S. Century Bank, which in just five short years has become one of the 10 most important community banks in this market. I accept this award and share it with the directors, executives and 239 employees of U.S. Century Bank who are helping us to build a great institution."

The SFHCC Annual Banker of the Year Award recognizes local banking professionals who have a proven track record of professional success and personal leadership in our community. The South Florida Hispanic Chamber of Commerce was founded over twelve years ago and is one of the largest Hispanic Chambers in the State of Florida providing its members with a variety of benefits, services and activities.

U.S. Century Bank is one of the 10 largest community banks headquartered in Miami, with assets of $1.3 billion. Through its network of 18 branch locations and its online banking platform, it offers South Florida's business community a wide range of financial products and services. The bank received the 2008 Beacon Award in Financial Services and was rated by TheStreet.com, a New York-based financial news and analysis company as one of the top three strongest banks in Miami-Dade County. For more information or to find a U.S. Century branch near you, call (305) 715-5200 or visit www.uscentury.com.

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