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ICBA Congratulates The Croghan Colonial Bank on 125th Anniversary

Washington, D.C. (May 2013)— The Independent Community Bankers of America (ICBA) congratulates The Croghan Colonial Bank in Fremont, OH for reaching an important milestone in serving its local community. This marks the community bank's 125 years in business helping individuals and small business customers with their financial needs.

"It's community banks like The Croghan Colonial Bank that drive economic stability and prosperity on Main Street and make their communities a better place to work and live," said Camden R. Fine, ICBA president and CEO. "They are the definition of relationship bankers, passionately committed to serving the needs of their local customers and communities."

Located in small towns, suburbia and big-city neighborhoods, community banks improve the nation's communities by lending locally, Representing more than 24,000 locations nationwide and employing 300,000 Americans, ICBA members hold more than \$1.2 trillion in assets, \$1 trillion in deposits, and nearly \$750 billion in loans to consumers, the agricultural community and local small businesses. In fact, community banks under \$10 billion in assets provide nearly 60 percent of small business loans between \$100,000 and \$1 million.

"It's been an honor to support our community all these years, and to see it grow and thrive" said Mr. Rick Robertson, President/Chief Executive Officer of **The Croghan Colonial Bank**. "We look forward to continuing our tradition of working hard so that local consumers can experience the community bank difference for year to come."

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