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### **Federal Home Loan Bank of Indianapolis Announces Community Spirit Award Recipient**

Indianapolis, IN...Recognizing excellence in community economic development, Milton J. Miller, President & CEO of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Indianapolis (FHLBI), announced that Robert Burgess, Vice President and Community Reinvestment Act (CRA) Officer at Chemical Bank in Midland, Michigan, is the recipient of its Affordable Housing Advisory Council's annual *Community Spirit Award* for Michigan.

The FHLBI established the award to honor an employee of a member financial institution who has shown outstanding dedication to affordable housing and community economic development. Judging is based on a nominee's dedication to community, spirit, and action.

FHLBI acknowledges Chemical Bank's leadership role in serving its community, and through the Community Spirit Award recognized the extraordinary contributions of their employee, Robert Burgess. Mr. Burgess, a 30 year employee, credits Chemical Bank for encouraging all employees to get involved in the community. He says giving back is important.

Through his employment and in his volunteer work, Mr. Burgess dedicates energy to working with programs in the areas of housing and money management. He serves on the board of the Midland County Habitat for Humanity and serves as co-chair of the local Continuum of Care where he promotes awareness of homelessness issues. He serves on the City Housing Commission, reviewing Community Development Block Grant funding requests, and is a programming partner with Michigan State University Extension. In addition, he is Chair of the Saginaw Community Reinvestment Act Bankers Forum where he has worked on numerous issues including foreclosure prevention, and is active with the Michigan Association of Community Bankers. Finally, Mr. Burgess is a contact person for the Individual Development Account programs offered by two of his nominating agencies, and they describe him as a person who demonstrates respect and care to the participants. Bob brings a broad knowledge of community needs and resources to board discussions, along with a caring attitude. Congratulations, Robert Burgess.

The award was presented at the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Michigan Conference on Affordable Housing in Lansing.

The Indiana recipient will be announced during the Indiana Statewide Housing and Community Economic Development Conference in August.

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