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Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield executive to lead Kentucky Chamber

Frankfort, Ky. (Oct. 3, 2007) – The Kentucky Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce that Jude Thompson, President of Individual Business for Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield has been elected chairman of its 2008 Board of Directors. Thompson will head a 60-member board, representing a cross-section of Kentucky business and industry.

“The 2008 Board of Directors represents businesses, small and large, from Paducah to Pikeville,” said Thompson. “This is the most diverse group of business leaders ever elected to lead Kentucky's largest business organization.”

Thompson, a Kentucky native, has worked in several senior management positions with Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield over his 15-year career. Before being promoted to President of Individual Business in 2006, he held the position of President, Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield in Kentucky.

Thompson succeeds 2007 Chairman Craig Guess, president of Vanguard Contractors in Paducah. Chairman-elect for 2009 is Darby Turner, III, Member, Greenebaum Doll & McDonald PLLC.

Serving with Thompson, Turner and Guess on the 2008 Executive Committee will be:

- Treasurer Bill Jones, Division Manager, U.S. Bank;
- James Booth, Chief Executive Officer, Booth Energy;
- Joan Coleman, President, AT&T Kentucky;
- Jill Wilson, Vice President, Marketing, Gray Construction;
- Dr. Keith Gannon, Chief Executive Officer, Boneal, Inc.;
- Pat D'Eramo, Manufacturing Vice President, Toyota Motor Manufacturing, Kentucky;
- Jeffrey Bringardner, President, Humana-Kentucky;
- Wayne Martin, Regional Vice President, Gray Kentucky Television, Inc.;
- Bill Tatum, Vice Chairman, Angell-Demmel North America;
- Mary Jean Riley, Vice President of Finance and Administration, North American Stainless

Newly elected 2008 members-at-large are:

- Steve Loyal, Vice President of Government Affairs, Atmos Energy;
- Nick Rowe, President, Kentucky American Water;
- Stephen Lochmueller, President and Chief Executive Officer, Somerset Houseboats;
- Rodney Bohannon, Plant Manager, Briggs and Stratton Corporation;
- James Cantrell, Manager, Catlettsburg Refining LLC, Marathon Petroleum LLC;
- John Harryman, President, Northeast Market, Norton Suburban Hospital;

- Lynn King, Vice President, Planning and Advocacy, Lourdes Hospital;
- Adam Ruiz, Chief of Staff, Citizens Union Bank;
- Daniel Murphy, Attorney, Wyatt, Tarrant & Combs;
- Tim Hagerty, Member, Frost Brown Todd;
- Jim Adams, Vice President of Governmental Policy, American Commercial Barge Lines.

A full board listing, including those continuing their terms, can be found at www.kychamber.com/2008board.

About the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce

From its beginnings in 1946 as a bipartisan voice for business at the state Capitol, the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce has evolved into the premier business association in the state. Today the Chamber represents more than 12,000 business leaders — from Fortune 500 companies to family-owned shops — which share a strong interest in the state's economic future. Kentucky employers benefit from a broad range of services offered through Chamber membership: year-round lobbying, timely communications on business issues, publications and seminars on evolving regulations and policies, and a variety of other member benefits.