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English Named 2006-2007 Independent Banker of the Year

Mr. Andrew Carl (A.C.) English, Retired President and Cashier of The Bank of Clarendon, Manning, SC, was named Independent Banker of the Year by the Independent Banks of South Carolina (IBSC) at the IBSC Convention in July, 2006 at the Ponte Vedra Inn & Club, Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida. A native of Davis Station, S.C., he and his wife Ann now live in Manning, SC and have two children - Andrew III and Jason.

Mr. English is a 1959 graduate of Manning High School and graduated from Wofford College in 1963. After two years of service in the United States Army, he began his tenure at The Bank of Clarendon in 1965. In 1975 he was named Executive Vice President of The Bank of Clarendon. During his career as a banker, he completed the South Carolina Bankers School, the Graduate School of Banking at Louisiana State University, the Commercial Lending School at the University of Oklahoma, and the Senior Bank Officers Forum at Harvard University. He was named President of the bank in 1997 after the retirement of Mr. Howard Elkins.

Mr. English has been active in virtually all civic organizations in the county. He was a founding member of the Clarendon School District Two Education Foundation and is currently a Commissioner of Central Carolina Technical College. In 2005, Mr. English was named Business Person of the Year by the Clarendon County Chamber of Commerce. He has always been very active in the Presbyterian Church of Manning, serving on the Personnel Committee, the Finance Committee, and as an Elder in the church. Mr. English has also been very active in banking organizations within the state. He has served on various committees of both the Independent Banks of South Carolina and the South Carolina Bankers Association. He was elected to the Board of Directors of the Independent Banks of South Carolina Association in 1996 and served as the organization's President in 2002.

The Independent Banker of the Year is selected from the 68 independent banks in South Carolina. The honor is awarded annually on the basis of outstanding service to the independent banking industry and to the local community. The Independent Banks of South Carolina is an association of 68 locally owned and operated banks in South Carolina, which promotes the interests and general welfare of the independent banks within the state.