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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

To the Editor:

Local Bank Earns Highest Rating for Safety and Soundness

May 2008: BAUERFINANCIAL, Inc. of Coral Gables, FL, the nation's leading independent bank rating and research firm, is proud to announce that **Unity Bank North, Red Lakes Falls, Minnesota** has once again achieved its highest 5-Star rating. The 5-Star rating is based on the overall financial picture of the bank and indicates that Unity Bank North is one of the strongest banks in the nation. This quarter represents the 61st consecutive time that Unity Bank North has earned this highest honor. Institutions like Unity Bank North, that have achieved a 5-Star rating for ten years or longer, have yet another distinction: "Exceptional Performance Bank". Only 15% of the nation's banks are branded as such.

"The times are changing and fewer banks are qualifying for this top rating, but our rigorous standards remain," boasts Karen L. Dorway, president of BAUERFINANCIAL. "You should be proud to know your local bank, Unity Bank North, can claim this highest honor and be confident to call it your bank."

Unity Bank North was established in 1929 and has been steadfastly serving the financial needs of its neighbors and friends for 79 years. It operates through two conveniently located offices in Mentor and Red Lake Falls and can be found on the internet at www.unitybanking.com.

Unity Bank North: "Your 5-Star Community Bank."

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