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Legence Bank Welcomes New Board Member

Eldorado, IL – **DR. LARRY JONES**, past co-owner, **Saline Care Center**, and retired Family Physician, was appointed as a new board member for **LEGENCE BANK**. The announcement was made during the annual meeting in Eldorado, IL on May 23, 2017. As a board member, Jones will play a critical role in making policy decisions, and providing insight on the Bank's overall operations. "This new addition to the Legence Bank Board shows the importance we place on identifying and securing the best talent available to serve our shareholders, customers and communities. We are very fortunate to have diverse experienced business and community leaders that embody the spirit of community while bringing creativity, energy and new ideas for the development of community banking to the table. His leadership and guidance will help Legence Bank continue to be a reliable partner in our community as we continuously strive to strengthen the markets we serve," Kevin Beckemeyer, President and CEO.

Dr. Jones, who has 40 years' experience in Family Practice, founded Primary Care Group in 1979, located in Harrisburg. He has been serving as a Clinical Associate Professor in the Department of Family Medicine for the SIU School of Medicine since 1981 and is presently teaching part time at the Indiana University School of Medicine in Evansville. He was the Medical Director and Founder of the Bridge Free Medical Clinic in 2000. He also served on the board of the Illinois Academy of Family Physicians from 1997-2001, in addition to serving as an Elder at the First Presbyterian Church in Harrisburg. He has been awarded Family Physician of the Year by the Illinois Academy of Family Practice, and SIU School of Medicine Distinguished Alumnus Award in 2002. In addition to these many accomplishments and contributions to the community, he was recognized as Mentor of the Year for the SIU School of Medicine in 2012 and 2015.

Dr. Jones earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Southern Illinois University, and a Doctorate of Medicine from Southern Illinois University School of Medicine. He currently resides in Harrisburg, IL with his wife Janet.

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it serves with a premier financial institution and state of the art technology and conveniences, while remaining independently owned and committed to our most valuable asset: our customers. For more information, visit www.legencebank.com.

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Dr. Larry Jones