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## **MetroCorp Bancshares, Inc. Announces Successful Repurchase of Remaining TARP Preferred Shares**

HOUSTON, Aug. 9, 2012 /PRNewswire/ -- MetroCorp Bancshares, Inc. (NASDAQ: MCBI) announced August 9, 2012 that the Company successfully repurchased the remaining 1,260 outstanding shares of the Fixed Rate Cumulative Perpetual Preferred Stock, Series A ("TARP Shares"). The Company participated at the auction by U.S. Treasury on June 28<sup>th</sup> and acquired 43,740 shares out of the total 45,000 shares.

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"With all of the TARP Shares repurchased, this would put a final closure on TARP," said George M. Lee, Executive Vice Chairman, President and CEO. "We are glad to see that our effort during second quarter has paid off. With the successful capital offering, the lifting of the Consent Order of our subsidiary Metro United Bank, and now TARP completely behind us, we can now redirect our focus to strengthening the Company's growth platform."

MetroCorp Bancshares, Inc., provides a full range of commercial and consumer banking services through its wholly owned subsidiaries, MetroBank, N.A. and Metro United Bank. The Company has thirteen full-service banking locations in the greater Houston and Dallas, Texas metropolitan areas, and six full service banking locations in the greater San Diego, Los Angeles and San Francisco, California metropolitan areas. As of June 30, 2012, the Company had consolidated assets of \$1.6 billion. For more information, visit the Company's web site at [www.metrobank-na.com](http://www.metrobank-na.com).

The statements contained in this release that are not historical facts may constitute forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Forward-looking statements describe the Company's future plans, projections, strategies and expectations, are based on assumptions and involve a number of risks and uncertainties, many of which are beyond the Company's control. Important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from the results anticipated or projected include, but are not limited to, the following: (1) general business and economic conditions in the markets the Company serves may be less favorable than expected which could decrease the demand for loan, deposit and other financial services and increase loan delinquencies and defaults; (2) changes in the interest rate environment which could reduce the Company's net interest margin; (3) the failure of or changes in management's assumptions regarding the adequacy of the allowance for loan losses; (4) an adverse change in the real estate market in the Company's primary market areas; (5) legislative or regulatory developments including changes in laws concerning taxes, banking, securities, insurance and other aspects of the financial services industry; (6) the effect of compliance, or failure to comply within stated deadlines, with the provisions of the Formal Agreement between MetroBank and the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency; (7) increases in the level of nonperforming assets; (8) changes in the availability of funds which could increase costs or decrease liquidity; (9) the effects of competition from other financial institutions operating in the Company's market area and elsewhere, including institutions operating locally, regionally, nationally and internationally, together with such competitors offering banking products and services by mail, telephone, computer and the Internet; (10) changes in accounting principles, policies or guidelines; (11) a deterioration or downgrade in the credit quality and credit agency ratings of the securities in the Company's securities portfolio; (12) the incurrence and possible impairment of goodwill associated with an acquisition; (13) the Company's ability to raise additional capital; (14) the inability to fully realize the Company's net deferred tax asset; and (15) the Company's ability to adapt successfully to technological changes to meet customers' needs and developments in the marketplace. All written or oral forward-looking statements are expressly qualified in their entirety by these cautionary statements. These and other risks and factors are further described from time to time in the Company's 2011 Annual Report on Form 10-K and other reports and other documents filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

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