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United Community Bank Named to Forbes List of Best 100 Banks in America

Bank Recognized for Fourth Consecutive Year

BLAIRSVILLE, Ga., Feb. 07, 2017 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- United Community Banks, Inc. (NASDAQ:UCBI) ("United") was recently recognized as one of America's best performing banks by *Forbes* magazine for the fourth consecutive year.

The article ranked 100 of the largest publicly traded banks and thrifts nationwide. United Community Bank was again included in this prestigious list. "We are honored to be named to this respected list of high-performing banks again this year," said Lynn Harton, President and Chief Operating Officer. "This particular recognition is meaningful to us because it rewards our efforts to be a financially stable and profitable bank while our team is also consistently recognized for commitment to customer service."

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For eight consecutive years, Forbes has ranked the nation's 100 largest publicly-traded banks on ten metrics including return on average tangible equity, return on average assets, net interest margin, efficiency ratio and net charge-offs as a percent of total loans. The magazine also factored in nonperforming assets as a percent of assets, risk-based capital ratio and reserves as a percent of nonperforming assets.

About United Community Banks, Inc.

United Community Banks, Inc. (NASDAQ:UCBI) is a registered bank holding company based in Blairsville, Georgia with \$10.7 billion in assets. The company's banking subsidiary, United Community Bank, is one of the southeast region's largest full-service banks, operating 139 offices in Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee. The bank specializes in providing personalized community banking services to individuals, small businesses and corporations. Services include a full range of consumer and commercial banking products including mortgage, advisory, and treasury management. Respected national research firms consistently recognize United Community Bank for outstanding customer service: In 2014, 2015 and 2016, J.D. Power ranked United Community Bank first in customer satisfaction in the Southeast. In 2017, for the fourth consecutive year, Forbes included United among their list of the top 100 Best Banks in America. Additional information about the company and the bank's full range of products and services can be found at www.ucbi.com.

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