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## **Barnes Elected to Board of Directors of Mississippi Bankers Association**

JACKSON - Robbie Barnes of Magee has been elected to a three-year term on the Board of Directors of the Mississippi Bankers Association (MBA).

At the recent MBA convention, Barnes was elected to represent a nine-county region on the board, which governs the 129-year-old trade association. MBA members include commercial banks and savings institutions operating in Mississippi, and its members currently hold more than 95 percent of bank deposits in the state.

Barnes is president and chief executive officer of PriorityOne Bank, headquartered in Magee and operating in 15 locations in south and central Mississippi. Since joining PriorityOne Bank as a college student in 1983, Barnes has held numerous officer positions in his 35-year career with the bank. After attending Magee High School and Copiah-Lincoln Community College, he earned a bachelors degree in business administration from the University of Southern Mississippi. He later graduated from the Graduate School of Banking at LSU. He has served the MBA as a member of its Legislative and Nominating committees. Very active in the Independent Community Bankers of America, Barnes currently serves on the ICBA Federal Delegate Board.

Barnes is a past president of the Simpson County Development Foundation, the Magee Chamber of Commerce and the Magee Lions Club. Other civic involvement includes serving as chairman of the Adopt-a-School program and as a founder of Simpson County's Youth Leadership program.

He and his wife, Melissa, are the parents of two daughters, and they have five grandchildren.

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