# BancorpSouth, Inc. Reports 33.3% Increase in First Quarter Earnings Per Share

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BancorpSouth, Inc. today announced net income per share (basic and diluted) was \$.36 for the first quarter of 2002 as compared to \$.27 for the first quarter of 2001, an increase of 33.3 percent. Net income for the first quarter of 2002 was \$29.4 million compared to \$22.3 million for the first quarter of 2001, an increase of 31.8 percent.

BancorpSouth officials credited the successful merger integration of the former First United Bancshares and continued emphasis on local market management for the company's strong performance.

Aubrey Patterson, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of BancorpSouth, commented, "we are focused on growing our business by increasing market share in our six-state region while continuing to stress credit quality and profitability. By concentrating on these fundamentals, we have been able to sustain earnings growth and enhance long-term shareholder value."

Patterson also commented, "Earnings benefited from the relative stability of interest rates during the quarter, a welcome change after four quarters of declining rates. Our net interest margin expanded as the average yield on deposits continued to decline while loan pricing remained relatively flat. Because we are not able to reprice deposits immediately in a period of falling rates, interest rates on deposits continue to decline for a number of months after any cuts by the Federal Reserve, while loan rates generally react to changes in market rates more rapidly.

"Our mortgage business, which has been a strong contributor to earnings over the past few quarters, continues to be active, although the pace has slowed somewhat as mortgage rates have begun to move up. Refinancings now represent a smaller proportion of total underwritings as the bubble of homeowners eager to take advantage of low rates has somewhat subsided.

"A highlight of the quarter was the completion of our merger with Pinnacle Bancshares, Inc. on February 28, 2002. This strategically important acquisition gives BancorpSouth two locations in Little Rock, the largest market in Arkansas but one where we have not had a presence. Pinnacle was not a large bank, \$130 million in assets, but it had a sophisticated professional staff and a clientele of top-tier small businesses and high net worth individuals. In addition, Pinnacle had a strong mortgage subsidiary, that was the second largest mortgage producer in Little Rock, and it will continue to operate under our mortgage department. We expect to convert the former Pinnacle offices to our systems in April 2002 at minimal cost." Net Interest Revenue

Total interest revenue was \$151.0 million in the first quarter of 2002, down 13.3 percent from \$174.1 million in the corresponding period in 2001 and down 3.8 percent from \$157.0 reported in the fourth quarter of 2001. Total interest expense for the first quarter of 2002 was \$57.1 million, down 38.3 percent from total interest expense of \$92.5 million in the same period in 2001 and 17.6 percent from total interest expense of \$69.3 million reported in the fourth quarter of 2001. Net interest revenue is the difference between interest revenue and interest expense. Net interest revenue for the first quarter of 2002 was \$93.9 million, an increase of \$12.3 million, or 15.1 percent, from net interest revenue of \$81.6 million in the same period of the prior year and increased 6.9 percent over net interest revenue reported in the fourth quarter of 2001. Net interest revenue reported in the first quarter of 2001 and 4.11 percent in the fourth quarter of 2001. The cost of interest-bearing liabilities was 3.03 percent in the first quarter of 2002, compared to 5.15 percent in the first quarter of 2001 and 3.73 percent in the first quarter of 2001, while the taxable equivalent yield on earning assets was 6.96 percent in the first quarter of 2002 versus 8.41 percent in the same period in 2001 and 7.26 percent in the fourth quarter of 2001.

#### Deposit and Loan Activity

BancorpSouth reported growth in total assets and total deposits compared to both the end of the first quarter of 2001 and year-end 2001. As of March 31, 2002, total assets were \$9.8 billion, up 4.6 percent from total assets of \$9.4 billion as of both March 31, 2001 and December 31, 2001. Total deposits were \$8.2 billion, up 5.0 percent from March 31, 2001, and up 4.0 percent since December 31, 2001. Total loans as of March 31, 2001, were \$6.2 billion, 4.1 percent higher than the level as of March 31, 2001, and 2.2 percent greater than the balance as of December 31, 2001.

Continuing a practice begun in the first quarter of 2000, the company sold its accumulated inventory of insured student loans in the first quarter of 2002. The sale of the \$80.1 million loan portfolio created a pretax gain of \$2.1 million. In addition, management continued to reduce the company's exposure to indirect automobile sales financing by allowing our portfolio of such loans to decline. The portfolio declined \$23.4 million in the first quarter of 2002, reaching a balance of \$123.0 million at March 31, 2002 and has decreased \$107.1 million since the first quarter of 2001. Excluding the impact of these two items and the Pinnacle Bancshares merger, total loan volume would have increased 5.7 percent on an annualized basis from December 31, 2001 to March 31, 2002.

"As loan growth slowed in response to the weaker economy, we have focused on improving our interest rate spread through careful pricing of deposits," Patterson stated. "The growth in deposits stems from a 'flight to quality,' as customers are moving more of their assets to demand deposits while they wait for the financial markets to stabilize. "Recently we have begun to see encouraging signals from economic indicators, not signals of robust growth, but solidly positive, and we look for both loan demand and deposit growth to increase in the second half of this year. We suffered less than many others during the recent economic slowdown because of the diverse economic sectors represented in our markets. Our Jackson, Mississippi and Gulf Coast markets continue to be relatively insulated from the economic slowdown, but our manufacturingdependent markets felt the impact. In these markets, orders are beginning to pick up and employment is rising. In some of our urban markets, lending for real estate development slowed, particularly for housing development, because of oversupply in the market. However, now that we are entering the home building season, we expect to see a positive trend in home construction financing."

## Provision for Credit Losses and Allowance for Credit Losses

The provision for credit losses in the first quarter of 2002 was \$6.8 million, versus \$4.1 million in the same quarter of 2001 and \$6.5 million in the fourth quarter of 2001. Annualized net charge-offs for the first quarter of 2002 were 0.39 percent of average loans, while they were 0.36 percent of average loans in the same quarter of 2001 and 0.40 percent of average loans in the fourth quarter of 2001.

Non-performing assets totaled \$57.2 (0.92 percent of loans) as of March 31, 2002, compared to \$43.6 (0.73 percent of loans) as of March 31, 2001, and \$59.6 million (0.98 percent of loans) at December 31, 2001. The allowance for credit losses amounted to 1.37 percent of loans at March 31, 2002, compared to 1.34 percent of loans at March 31, 2001 and 1.37 percent of loans at December 31, 2001.

"Measures of credit quality typically lag the economy, as successive quarters of economic weakness have a cumulative effect on borrowers," Patterson explained. "Therefore, while we continue to adhere to our strict credit standards, we were not surprised to see some slippage in our credit quality indicators in the first quarter. We expect to see improvement in these indicators as the economic recovery continues."

#### Non-interest Revenue

Non-interest revenue totaled \$33.5 million in the first quarter of 2002, up 19.8 percent from the \$27.9 million reported in the first quarter of 2001, but 20.2 percent lower than \$42.0 million reported in the fourth quarter of 2001.

These comparisons were impacted by several significant items. Much of the variance was caused by swings in the revenue from mortgage lending, due in part to changes in the value of our mortgage servicing asset, which represents the present value of the future stream of servicing revenue. Mortgage lending contributed \$5.6 million in the first quarter of 2002, which includes a \$0.5 million recovery of previously recorded impairment charges to the mortgage servicing asset. This compares to a loss of \$1.3 million in the first quarter of 2001 as falling interest rates caused a \$4.3 million impairment in the value of our mortgage servicing asset. In the fourth quarter of 2001, mortgage revenue was \$12.9

million as low interest rates generated high volumes of both new originations and mortgage refinancings, and the company benefited from the reversal during the fourth quarter of 2001 of \$4.5 million in previously recorded impairment charges to the mortgage servicing asset as mortgage rates moved up. Net gains on the sale of securities also had a substantial impact. The company showed a loss of \$25,000 in the first quarter of 2002, compared to gains of \$2.9 million in the first quarter of 2001 and \$3.8 million in the fourth quarter of 2001.

"Fee-based services are contributing a revenue stream that is not impacted by changes in interest rates, thus adding stable growth," Patterson stated. "In the recent quarter, trust fees increased 13.8 percent while insurance commissions gained 23.0 percent, with strong annuity sales more than offsetting some weakness in the commercial market. We will be introducing our products to the customers of Pinnacle Bank, as well as continuing their penetration in former First United markets."

# Non-interest Expense

Non-interest expense for the first quarter of 2002 was \$77.2 million, up 6.0 percent from \$72.9 million for the first quarter of 2001 and up 1.6 percent from \$76.0 million in the fourth quarter of 2001.

"We continue to see the positive impact of cost reductions resulting from the integration of First United, particularly in terms of data processing costs," explained Jim Kelley, President and Chief Operating Officer of BancorpSouth. "We are continuing to make progress as we gradually implement our loan file centralization process, which is our other major cost-saving initiative. This project currently generates some incremental cost because we are operating some redundant systems through the implementation phase, but we expect it to generate cost savings in the future."

As of January 1, 2002, the company adopted Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 142, "Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets," which changes the accounting treatment of goodwill and other intangible assets. Under SFAS 142, companies will no longer record the amortization of goodwill as an expense for financial reporting purposes. Instead, companies must test their intangible assets annually for impairment of the assets' value and write off any impairment. We expect to complete the initial impairment test under SFAS 142 in the second quarter of 2002. In the first quarter of 2002, this accounting change reduced goodwill amortization by \$768,000 compared to the same quarter of 2001.

# Capital Management

We issued \$125 million of 8.15 percent Trust Preferred Securities in January 2002. This new long-term regulatory capital will be used for general corporate purposes, which may include repurchasing common stock and financing acquisitions.

"We went to market with this issue at the optimum time," said Patterson, "catching the low point of interest rates. At the time these securities were issued, the 8.15 percent distribution rate was the lowest

rate received by a regional bank holding company for a similar security offering with a similar credit rating. This additional funding enables us to take advantage of any potential investment opportunities that will enhance our growth, including strategic acquisitions."

During the first quarter of 2002, we repurchased a total of 801,000 shares of our outstanding common stock under a repurchase program announced on March 5, 2001, which authorized us to acquire up to 4.2 million shares, or approximately 5% of the shares outstanding at the time of the announcement. As of March 31, 2002, a total of 3,766,000 shares have been repurchased under this program and there are 434,000 shares remaining under this authorization. In addition, in February 2002 we announced a new common stock repurchase program, which authorized the repurchase of up to an additional 4.1 million shares within a period of 18 months, of which no shares have been repurchased as of March 31, 2002.

## Conference Call

BancorpSouth will conduct a conference call with stock analysts at 1:30 p.m. (Central Time) on April 19, 2002. Investors may listen via the internet by accessing our website at <u>http://www.bancorpsouth.com/</u>. A replay of the conference call will be available at BancorpSouth's website following the call.

BancorpSouth, Inc. is a bank holding company headquartered in Tupelo, Mississippi with approximately \$9.8 billion in assets. BancorpSouth operates approximately 250 commercial banking, insurance, trust, broker/dealer and consumer finance locations in Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Tennessee and Texas.

## Forward-Looking Statements

Certain statements contained in this news release may not be based on historical facts and are "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. These forward-looking statements may be identified by their reference to a future period or periods or by the use of forwardlooking terminology such as "anticipate," believe," "estimate," "expect," "may," "might," "will," "would," "could" or "intend." These forward-looking statements include, without limitation, those relating to interest rates, loan volume, credit quality, fee-based services, interest rate margin, integration of former First United Bancshares and Pinnacle Bancshares offices and related cost savings, expansion and prospects of products and services, deposits, the exposure to indirect automobile sales financing, home construction financing, capital management and liquidity, prospects for 2002, accounting treatment of intangible assets, use of proceeds from the Trust Preferred Securities, mortgage servicing and BancorpSouth's future growth and profitability.

We caution you not to place undue reliance on the forward-looking statements contained in this news release in that actual results could differ materially from those indicated in such forward-looking statements, due to a variety of factors. Those factors include, but are not limited to, changes in economic conditions and government fiscal and monetary policies, fluctuations in prevailing interest rates, ability to reduce interest rates paid on deposits as interest rates decline or stabilize, ability to maintain credit quality, laws and regulations affecting financial institutions, the ability of BancorpSouth to compete with other financial services companies, the ability of BancorpSouth to effectively integrate acquisitions, the ability of BancorpSouth to operate and integrate new technology, the ability of BancorpSouth to manage its growth and effectively serve an expanding customer and market base, the ability of BancorpSouth to provide competitive services and products, changes in BancorpSouth's operating or expansion strategy, geographic concentration of BancorpSouth's assets, availability of and costs associated with obtaining adequate and timely sources of liquidity, the ability of BancorpSouth to effectively manage its capital resources, the ability of BancorpSouth to attract, train and retain qualified personnel, the ability of BancorpSouth to effectively market its services and products, the ability of BancorpSouth to repurchase its common stock on favorable terms, the ability of BancorpSouth to identify potential acquisitions, changes in consumer preferences, other factors generally understood to affect the financial results of financial services companies, and other factors described from time to time in BancorpSouth's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. We undertake no obligation to update these forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances that occur after the date on which such statements were made.

Selected Financial Data	Three Months E March 31,	Ended
	2002 20	001
(Dollars in thousands, except p share amounts) Earnings Summary:		
Net interest revenue	\$93,883	
Provision for credit losses	6,760	4,097
Noninterest revenue	33,476	
Noninterest expense	77,172	
Income before income taxes		27 32,619
Income tax provision	14,029	10,300
Net income	\$29,398	
Earning per share: Basic	\$0.36	
Diluted:	\$0.36	\$0.27
Balance sheet data at March 3 Total assets Total earning assets Loans and lease receivables, n unearned discount Allowance for credit losses Total deposits Common shareholders' equity Book value per share	\$9,816,856 9,156,724 net of 6,206,910 85,140 8,175,131	8,738,930 5,960,862 80,461
Average balance sheet data: Total assets Total earning assets Loans and lease receivables, n unearned discount Total deposits Common shareholders' equity	6,142,294 8,000,913	8,539,226 6,025,742

Non-performing assets at March 31: Non-accrual loans Loans 90+ days past due Restructured loans Other real estate owned	\$9,714 30,789 38 16,640	\$12,116 22,338 1,542 7,643
Net charge-offs as a percentage of average loans (annualized)	0.39%	0.36%
Performance ratios (annualized) Return on average assets Return on common equity	1.24% 14.77%	0.99% 11.46%
Net interest margin	4.38%	4.01%
Average shares outstanding - diluted	81,680,2	282 84,215,338

BancorpSouth, Inc.		
Consolidated Balance She	ets	
(dollars in thousands)		
(Unaudited) I Assets	March 31, 2002	2 March 31, 2001
Cash & due from banks Interest bearing deposits	288,797	7 298,663
with other banks	13,608	7,871
Held-to-maturity securitie		
Available-for-sale securitie	es 1,420,63	5 973,847
Federal funds sold and		
securities purchased und	er	
agreement to resell	278,053	520,399
Loans & leases	6,206,910	5,960,862
Allowance for credit loss		
Net loans & leases	6,121,770	5,880,401
Mortgages held for sale	57,185	50,953
Bank premises & equipme		
Accrued interest receivab		
Other real estate owned	17,047	
Other assets	140,544	126,013
	9,816,856	9,384,078
Liabilities		
Demand deposits:		
Non-interest bearing	1,084,148	1,032,551
Interest bearing	2,320,449	1,828,324
Total demand deposits	3,404,597	2,860,875
Savings & time deposits:	002 602	005 771
Savings Cortificator of donosit	893,693	895,771
Certificates of deposit Total savings & time	3,876,841	4,028,981
	,770,534	4,924,752
Total deposits	8,175,131	7,785,627
Federal funds purchased	0,1,0,101	1,100,021
and securities sold under		
agreement to repurchase	e 444,13	502,749
Short-term borrowings	4,000	0
Accrued interest payable	31,956	52,466
Long-term debt	140,651	151,778
Junior subordinated debt	125,000	
Other liabilities	85,314	87,373
	,006,189	8,579,993
Shareholders' Equity	202.070	200 615
Common stock	203,078	209,615
Capital surplus	15,112	46,153
Unrealized gain (loss) on securities	15,790	22,933
Retained earnings	576,687	525,384
Total shareholders' equity		
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BancorpSouth, Inc. **Consolidated Statements of Income** (amounts in thousands, except per share data) (Unaudited) Quarter Ended Mar-02 Dec-01 Sep-01 Jun-01 Mar-01 Interest Revenue: Loans, including \$114,796 \$121,626 \$128,049 \$131,794 \$136,737 fees Held-to-maturity securities: 16,429 16,706 17,698 16,630 16,050 Available-forsale securities 16,413 14,772 14,757 14,243 15,576 Short term investments 3,363 3,932 4,477 7.009 5.777 Total interest 151,001 157,036 164,981 169,676 174,140 revenue Interest Expense: Deposits 49,901 63,060 73,071 80,763 83,944 Short term borrowings 1,034 1,571 2,700 3,082 3,557 Long term borrowings 2,112 2,100 2,105 2,171 2,265 Other interest expense 4,071 2,523 2,669 2,736 2,775 Total interest expense 57,118 69,254 80,545 88,752 92,541 Net interest 84,436 80,924 81,599 revenue 93,883 87,782 Provision for credit losses 6,760 6,542 6,852 4,769 4,097 Net interest revenue, after credit loss provision 87,123 81,240 77,584 76,155 77,502 Other Revenue: Mortgage lending 5,554 12,913 (1,462) 7,068 (1,333) 10,210 11,041 10,469 Service charges 10,906 10,342 Life insurance premiums 1,127 1,155 1,151 1,127 1,094 Trust income 1,917 1,613 2,022 1,610 1,684 Securities gains, (25) 3,770 3,943 74 2.884 net Insurance 5,668 5,262 5,146 5,405 4,608 commissions 9,025 6,205 5,465 Other 5,801 8,670 Total other revenue 33,476 41,959 26,734 31,991 27,949 Other Expense: Salaries and employee benefits 42,591 41,451 37,083 38,425 38,721 5,254 5,132 5,263 5,005 Occupancy 5.129 Equipment 6,535 6,382 6,442 6,943 7,032 Telecommunications 1,925 2,143 2,244 2,123 2,182 Other 20,867 20,842 22,253 20,750 19,768 Total other expense 77,172 75,950 73,285 73,246 72,832 Income before income taxes 43,427 47,249 31,033 34,900 32,619 Income tax expense 14,029 15,935 9,450 11,654 10,300 Net Income \$29,398 \$31,314 \$21,583 \$23,246 \$22,319 Net Income Per Share: \$0.36 \$0.39 \$0.26 \$0.28 Basic \$0.27 Diluted \$0.36 \$0.38 \$0.26 \$0.28 \$0.27

BancorpSouth, Inc. Average Balances, Interest Income and Expense, and Average Yields and Rates (dollars in thousands) **Quarter Ended** Unaudited March 31, 2002 Average Yield/ (Taxable equivalent basis) Balance Interest Rate ASSETS \$6,199,602 \$115,273 Loans net of Unearned Income 7.54% Held-to-maturity securities: 935,448 13,938 6.04% Taxable Non Taxable 198,319 3,832 7.84% Available-for-sale securities Taxable 1,055,547 14,256 5.48% 193,462 3,318 6.96% Non Taxable 385,204 Short term investments 3,363 3.54% Total interest earning assets and revenue 8.967.582 153.980 6.96% Other assets 709,501 Less: allowance for credit losses (84,258) Total \$9,592,825 LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY Deposits: \$2,257,654 \$8,834 Demand - interest bearing 1.59% Savings 890,858 3,560 1.62% Time 3,814,671 37,509 3.99% Short-term borrowings 451,464 3,322 2.98% Junior subordinated debt 83.333 1,783 8.15% Long-term debt 139,859 2,112 6.12% Total interest bearing liabilities and expense 7,637,839 57,118 3.03% Demand deposits non-interest bearing 1,037,730 Other liabilities 110,299 Total liabilities 8,785,869 \$806,956 Shareholders' equity Total \$9,592,825 \$96,862 Net interest revenue Net interest margin 4.38% Net interest rate spread 3.93% Interest bearing liabilities to 85.17% interest earning assets Net interest tax equivalent \$2,979 adjustment BancorpSouth, Inc. Average Balances, Interest Income and Expense, and Average Yields and Rates (dollars in thousands) **Quarter Ended** Unaudited December 31, 2001 Average Yield/ (Taxable equivalent basis) Balance Interest Rate ASSETS Loans net of Unearned Income \$6,114,950 \$121,938 7.91% Held-to-maturity securities: 925,219 Taxable 14,155 6.07% 204,945 3,925 7.60% Non Taxable Available-for-sale securities Taxable 889,326 12,617 5.63% 192,026 Non Taxable 3,314 6.85% Short term investments 416,228 3,933 3.75% Total interest earning 8,742,694 159,882 7.26% assets and revenue Other assets 689,115 Less: allowance for credit losses (83,361)

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Total

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Total interest earning

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