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North Brookfield Savings Bank *5-Star Superior Rated*

News Release

North Brookfield Savings Bank is Proud to Announce 5 - Star Safety Rating.

February 2008: North Brookfield Savings Bank, North Brookfield, MA is proud to announce it has achieved a 5-Star rating from BAUERFINANCIAL, Inc. of Coral Gables, Florida, the nation's leading independent bank rating and research firm. Based on the financial condition of the bank, the 5 - Star rating indicates that North Brookfield Savings Bank is one of the strongest banks in the country. North Brookfield Savings Bank has earned this highest rating which earns it the added prestige of being an "Exceptional Performance Bank" (for earning this highest honor for ten years or longer). Fewer than 16% of the nation's banks can claim this distinction.

"We are all aware of the problems in the banking industry these days," says Karen L. Dorway, president of BAUERFINANCIAL. "Consumers need to know there are still well-run banks, like North Brookfield Savings Bank, that continue to shine even when times are tough. North Brookfield Savings Bank puts safety and soundness ahead of all else, making it an ideal place to put your deposits."

Established in 1854, North Brookfield Savings Bank has been serving the financial needs of its neighbors and friends for 154 years.

North Brookfield Savings Bank: ***"Safe, Solid and Secure"***

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