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Capitol Bancorp Declares 66th Consecutive Quarterly Cash Dividend

LANSING, Mich., and PHOENIX, Ariz.: February 6, 2009: The Board of Directors of Capitol Bancorp Limited (NYSE:CBC) today announced the Corporation's 66th consecutive quarterly cash dividend. The dividend declared today of \$0.05 per common share is payable March 2, 2009, to shareholders of record as of February 16, 2009.

About Capitol Bancorp Limited

Capitol Bancorp Limited (NYSE: CBC) is a \$5.7 billion national community bank development company, with a network of 64 separately chartered banks and bank operations in 17 states. It has the distinction of having the most individual bank charters in the country. Founded in 1988, Capitol Bancorp Limited has executive offices in Lansing, Michigan, and Phoenix, Arizona.

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