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United Bankshares Declares First Quarter Dividend

WASHINGTON, D.C. and CHARLESTON, WV-- United Bankshares, Inc. (NASDAQ: UBSI) today announced that its Board of Directors declared a first quarter 2009 dividend of 29¢ per share for shareholders of record as of March 13, 2009.

The dividend payout of approximately \$12.6 million on 43.4 million shares is payable April 1, 2009. The annualized 2009 dividend of \$1.16 equates to a yield of approximately 5.5% based on recent UBSI market prices. The year of 2008 represented the thirty-fifth consecutive year of dividend increases for United shareholders.

United Bankshares, with \$8.1 billion in assets, has 114 full-service offices in West Virginia, Virginia, Maryland, Ohio, and Washington, D.C. United Bankshares stock is traded on the NASDAQ Global Select Market System under the quotation symbol "UBSI".