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Gat Caperton Elected to United Bank Board of Directors

Charleston, WV -- Richard M. Adams Jr., President of United Bank, Inc., recently announced the election of Gat Caperton to the Board of Directors of United Bank.

Gat Caperton, 41, is the President and CEO of Gat Creek, a manufacturer of hand-made, solid-wood home furniture located in the Eastern Panhandle. He employs over 100 skilled people and sells products to 300 independent retail stores.

Mr. Caperton's company has garnered many accolades, including *Home Magazine's* American Furniture Award for original design, the Governor's Safe Workplace Award and the WV Department of Environmental Protection Award for improvements in environmental management. He is also a two-time winner of the West Virginia Business Environmental Leadership Award.

Mr. Caperton currently serves on the Shepherd University Board of Governors and the boards of the Eastern West Virginia Community Foundation, the Natural Capital Investment Fund and the West Virginia Nature Conservancy. He helped found the Sustainable Furniture Council and the West Virginia Vision Shared Taskforce for Sustainable Economic Development.

"Gat Caperton is a great businessman and environmental leader," said Adams. "His commitment to the Eastern Panhandle and to West Virginia is evident. We are very excited to have him on our board."

Mr. Caperton received his BA in Economics from Davidson College and his MBA from the University of Chicago Graduate School of Business. He resides in Berkeley Springs with his wife Susan and three daughters.

United Bankshares, Inc., headquartered in Charleston, WV, is West Virginia's largest headquartered bank holding company with \$8.1 billion in assets, and 114 full-service offices in West Virginia, Virginia, Maryland, Ohio, and Washington, DC. United's stock is traded on the NASDAQ Global Select Market under the quotation symbol "UBSI".