

PRESS RELEASE

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Bullard Employee Honored

Sherry Kirby receives 10 year Service Award

Austin Bank recently honored Sherry Kirby, a Customer Service Representative in Bullard, at its 2008 Service Award Luncheon. Kirby was recognized for 10 years of service. She was among 36 bank employees feted for outstanding service and longevity on the job at a luncheon held December 4 at Cascades Club in Tyler.

The annual luncheon recognized Austin Bank employees who completed five, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35 and 40 years of service in 2008.

“We are proud of all these employees because they work as a team to provide financial services to our friends, neighbors and the businesses within East Texas,” said Austin Bank Vice Chairman Jeff Austin, III. “These valuable employees serve our bank customers on a daily basis through their excellent service.”

“At Austin Bank our employees are the difference. We proudly recognize the commitment and dedication each of these individuals has made to the Bank and its customers,” said John P. Williams, President and CEO.

Sherry Kirby joined the Austin Bank team when First National Bank of Bullard was purchased by Austin Bank in 2004. She has worked as a Teller, Administrative Assistant and New Accounts Representative. In 2007, she became a Certified Customer Service Representative through the Institute of Certified Bankers and the American Institute of Banking. Kirby was recognized as the bank’s Star Employee in October 2007.

Kirby and her husband, Junior, are Bullard residents.

Austin Bank is a community bank with \$1 billion in assets. Headquartered in Jacksonville, Texas, Austin Bank serves the needs of East Texas families and businesses through 28 locations in nine counties.

More information about Austin Bank can be found on the bank’s website at www.austinbank.com.



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