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HUNTINGTON CHOSEN BY LINCOLN FINANCIAL GROUP

Huntington VA Funds to be included in Lincoln's investment variable annuity

Columbus, Ohio – Philadelphia-based Lincoln Financial Group has chosen two Huntington (NASDAQ: HBAN; www.huntington.com) variable annuity funds to be included in the company's long-term investment variable annuity. Huntington VA Balanced Fund and Huntington VA Dividend Capture Fund will be included in Lincoln Financial Group's *Lincoln ChoicePlusSM Design* annuity, which will offer clients several options for creating retirement income, including an income stream for life.

Lincoln ChoicePlusSM Design is only available through The Huntington Investment Company and the Raymond James Financial Group.

"By offering the variable annuity funds within the *Lincoln ChoicePlusSM Design* annuity, Huntington Funds is continuing to develop new solutions to help clients secure and maximize their retirement income," said Randy Bateman, Huntington's chief investment officer and president of the Huntington Asset Advisors. "The alliance with Lincoln Financial Group is part of Huntington's continuing goal to offer a wider range of investment products to our customers."

The Huntington VA Dividend Capture Fund has a five-star rating from MorningstarTM for the overall and five-year time period in the financial funds category. The Huntington VA Balanced Fund consists of 11 Huntington Funds in a balanced portfolio.

About Huntington Funds

The investment managers of Huntington Funds include some of the most experienced people in the industry. On average they have worked for more than 25 years in the investment business. Managing money always demands a blending of art and science. At Huntington, our staff's experience and talent contribute to the art. Our disciplines provide the science. Today, HAA and its affiliates manage nearly \$14.5 billion for individuals, institutions, endowments, foundations, retirement plans, IRAs and municipalities across six states. HAA is a wholly owned subsidiary of Huntington Bancshares, which is the principal subsidiary of Huntington National Bank, a regional bank holding company headquartered in Columbus, Ohio, with \$53 billion in assets. HAA and its affiliates have been managing money since 1917.

For more complete information about the Huntington Funds, please call 1-800-253-0412 for a prospectus or summary prospectus or log onto our website at huntingtonfunds.com. You should consider the Fund's investment objectives, risks, charges and expenses carefully before you invest. Information about these and other important subjects is in the Fund's prospectus or summary prospectus, which you should read carefully before investing. The investment return and principal value of an investment will fluctuate so that an investor's shares when redeemed may be worth more or less than their original cost.

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About Huntington

Huntington Bancshares Incorporated is a \$53 billion regional bank holding company headquartered in Columbus, Ohio. Huntington National Bank, founded in 1866, provides full-service commercial, small business, and consumer banking services; mortgage banking services; treasury management and foreign exchange services; equipment leasing; wealth and investment management services; trust services; brokerage services; customized insurance brokerage and service programs; and other financial product and services. The principal markets for these services are Huntington's six-state banking franchise: Ohio, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Indiana, West Virginia, and Kentucky. The primary distribution channels include a banking network of over 600 traditional branches and convenience branches located in grocery stores and retirement centers, and through an array of alternative distribution channels including internet and mobile banking, telephone banking, and over 1,300 ATMs. Through automotive dealership relationships within its six-state banking franchise area and selected New England states, Huntington also provides commercial banking services to the automotive dealers and retail automobile financing for dealer customers.

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