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HUNTINGTON BANCSHARES REPORTS 12% INCREASE IN  
 EARNINGS PER SHARE AND RECORD BROKERAGE  
 INCOME FOR FIRST QUARTER 2000

COLUMBUS, Ohio - Huntington Bancshares Incorporated (NASDAQ: HBAN; www.huntington.com) today reported first quarter 2000 net income of \$104.2 million or \$.46 per diluted common share, representing a 12% increase in diluted earnings per share compared with \$.41 reported in first quarter 1999. Return on equity (ROE) and return on assets (ROA) during the first three months of 2000 were 18.99% and 1.45%, respectively, improvements over ROE of 18.47% and ROA of 1.38% during the comparable period a year ago. On a cash basis, earnings reached \$.49 per diluted share, up from \$.45 in first quarter 1999, with a corresponding ROE of 29.01% and ROA of 1.58%.

"This year is a time for Huntington to build on the foundation for growth that was put in place in 1999," said Frank Wobst, chairman and chief executive officer of Huntington Bancshares Incorporated. "These first quarter results reflect the positive trends evident last year of strong loan growth and asset quality, advances in fee income and continued expense control. We recently announced strategic changes in our company designed to improve future revenue growth in targeted business segments. These changes include a new sales process, improved products, technology advances, and improved service levels focused on attracting, retaining, and

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expanding customer relationships. While the results of these initiatives are not yet fully reflected in our financial performance, we have already seen evidence of their success in increased sales of targeted products and expect incremental contributions to revenue growth as the year progresses."

Excluding the credit card portfolio that was sold in October 1999, average total loans for the most recent quarter increased at an annualized rate of 9% from the fourth quarter of 1999. Average consumer loans grew at an annualized rate of 10%, led by automobile loans and leases and home equity loans at 9% and 21%, respectively. Commercial loans also posted a 10% annualized gain. Net interest income for the quarter was \$240.7 million, down 4% from first quarter 1999, adjusted for the credit card sale. The net interest margin for the recent quarter was 3.78%. During first quarter 2000, Huntington completed certain balance sheet restructuring transactions, including the sale of approximately \$330 million of lower-yielding securities and the securitization of \$500 million of automobile loans, designed to reduce Huntington's reliance on wholesale funding.

Non-interest income grew 8% from the 1999 first quarter to \$111.1 million, after adjusting for the impact of the credit card sale. Service charges were \$41.7 million, an increase of 16% from last year's first quarter. Huntington's strategic investments in technology continue to benefit earnings as electronic banking fees improved 23% during the first three months of 2000 compared with the same period a year ago. In addition, momentum in investment product and insurance sales continued during first quarter 2000 as Huntington achieved a record level of quarterly brokerage and insurance income of \$15.3 million, up 32% from first quarter 1999. On the other hand, mortgage banking income declined \$7.4 million from the first quarter of 1999 because of a decrease in refinance volume resulting from higher interest rates. Excluding this decline, non-interest income grew 18% from the 1999 first quarter.

Huntington's financial performance continued to benefit from the corporate-wide restructuring plan implemented in 1999 to improve operating efficiencies. Operating expenses of \$200.1 million in the first quarter represent a decline from the fourth quarter 1999 and represent the lowest level of operating expenses since the first quarter 1998. Huntington maintains its commitment to continued cost containment as strategic focus shifts to revenue growth during 2000.

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Huntington sustained strong credit quality levels during the first



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Key Operating Ratios

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	THREE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31,	
	2000	1999
Return On:		
Average Total Assets	1.45%	1.38%
Average Shareholders' Equity	18.99%	18.47%
Efficiency Ratio	53.93%	52.16%
Net Interest Margin	3.78%	4.18%
Average Equity/Average Assets	7.62%	7.46%

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Consolidated Statement of Condition Data

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	AVERAGE FOR THREE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31,		CHANGE %	AT MARCH 31,		CHANGE %
	2000	1999		2000	1999	
Total Loans	\$20,797,762	\$19,562,963	6.3%	\$20,531,039	\$19,731,593	4.1%
Total Deposits	19,790,564	19,131,352	3.4	19,779,364	19,046,901	3.8
Total Assets	28,952,570	28,422,337	1.9	28,407,979	28,577,908	(0.6)
Long-term Debt	704,217	707,401	(0.5)	845,623	707,438	19.5
Shareholders' Equity	2,205,921	2,120,754	4.0	2,098,823	2,138,057	(1.8)

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Regulatory Capital Ratios (3) and Asset Quality

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	AT MARCH 31,			2000
	2000	1999		
Tier I Risk-Based Capital	7.22%	7.20%	Non-performing loans (NPLs)	\$78,307
\$76,880			Total non-performing assets (NPAs)	\$92,211
\$94,733			Allowance for loan losses/total loans	1.45%
Total Risk-Based Capital	10.89%	10.70%	Allowance for loan losses/NPLs	378.95%
1.48%			Allowance for loan losses and other real estate/NPAs	316.30%
378.60%				
Tier I Leverage	6.45%	6.32%		
305.33%				

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(1) Adjusted for stock dividends and stock splits, as applicable.

(2) Tangible or "Cash Basis" net income excludes amortization of goodwill and other intangibles, net of income taxes.

(3) Estimated.

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