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**HOME LOAN FINANCIAL CORPORATION REPORTS
EARNINGS FOR THE QUARTER ENDED MARCH 31, 2002**

Coshocton, Ohio, April 17, 2002 – Home Loan Financial Corporation (Nasdaq:HLFC), the parent company of The Home Loan Savings Bank, today announced net income of \$378,000, or \$.25 basic and diluted earnings per share, for the quarter ended March 31, 2002 compared to net income of \$339,000, or \$.21 basic and diluted earnings per share, for the quarter ended March 31, 2001, an increase of \$39,000, or 11.5%.

The increase in earnings for the quarter ended March 31, 2002 compared with March 31, 2001, was primarily attributable to an increase in net interest income of \$170,000 partially offset by increases in noninterest expense of \$114,000 and income tax expense of \$23,000.

The increase in net interest income was primarily due to an increase in net interest margin. The net interest margin for the three months ended March 31, 2002 was 4.39% compared to 4.03% for the three months ended March 31, 2001. The increase in net interest margin was primarily due to a decline in the Company's interest expense from the current lower interest rate environment.

Return on average equity and return on average assets for the three months ended March 31, 2002 were 7.56% and 1.18%, respectively. Return on average equity and return on average assets for the nine months ended March 31, 2002 were 7.59% and 1.19%, respectively. The book value of HLFC's common stock was \$11.95 per share as of March 31, 2002 compared to \$11.19 per share as of March 31, 2001, an increase of \$.76, or 6.8%.

Total assets at March 31, 2002 were \$126.9 million compared to June 30, 2001 assets of \$122.4 million, an increase of \$4.5 million, or 3.7%. The increase in total assets was primarily in loans, which increased \$6.5 million. Total deposits at March 31, 2002 were \$76.0 million compared to June 30, 2001 deposits of \$71.2 million, an increase of \$4.8 million, or 6.7%. Total equity at March 31, 2002 was \$19.9 million compared to \$19.3 million at June 30, 2001.

Home Loan Financial Corporation and The Home Loan Savings Bank are headquartered at 401 Main Street, Coshocton, Ohio 43812. The Bank has two offices in Coshocton, Ohio and a branch in West Lafayette, Ohio.

HOME LOAN FINANCIAL CORPORATION
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(Unaudited)

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION

	<u>March 31, 2002</u>	<u>June 30, 2001</u>
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,767,910	\$ 2,598,068
Securities available for sale	2,000,340	2,534,650
Mortgage-backed securities available for sale	10,058,119	12,191,628
Federal Home Loan Bank stock	1,904,600	1,825,800
Loans, net	107,820,545	101,307,215
Premises and equipment	1,307,525	1,083,434
Accrued interest receivable	682,045	613,994
Other assets	407,909	242,861
Total assets	<u>\$126,948,993</u>	<u>\$122,397,650</u>
 LIABILITIES		
Deposits	\$ 76,000,583	\$ 71,172,481
Federal Home Loan Bank advances	29,855,442	30,925,000
Accrued interest payable	563,244	613,223
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	644,782	354,631
Total liabilities	107,064,051	103,065,335
 SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Preferred stock, no par value, 500,000 shares authorized, none outstanding	--	--
Common stock, no par value, 9,500,000 shares authorized, 2,248,250 shares issued	--	--
Additional paid-in capital	14,083,151	14,083,151
Retained earnings-substantially restricted	13,668,760	13,314,599
Unearned employee stock ownership plan shares	(1,420,704)	(1,619,532)
Unearned recognition and retention plan shares	(473,994)	(616,545)
Treasury stock, at cost – 584,288 shares at March 31, 2002 and 559,257 shares at June 30, 2001	(5,995,026)	(5,841,263)
Accumulated other comprehensive income	22,755	11,905
Total shareholders' equity	<u>19,884,942</u>	<u>19,332,315</u>
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	<u>\$126,948,993</u>	<u>\$122,397,650</u>

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	March 31,		March 31,	
	2002	2001	2002	2001
Total interest income	\$2,349,311	\$2,400,951	\$7,197,055	\$7,106,046
Total interest expense	<u>999,702</u>	<u>1,221,785</u>	<u>3,266,261</u>	<u>3,600,626</u>
Net interest income	1,349,609	1,179,166	3,930,794	3,505,420
Provision for loan losses	<u>30,000</u>	<u>15,000</u>	<u>95,000</u>	<u>45,000</u>
Net interest income after provision for loan losses	1,319,609	1,164,166	3,835,794	3,460,420
Total noninterest income	97,252	77,502	336,728	233,346
Total noninterest expense	<u>833,044</u>	<u>718,987</u>	<u>2,446,653</u>	<u>2,096,388</u>
Income before income tax expense	583,817	522,681	1,725,869	1,597,378
Income tax expense	<u>206,300</u>	<u>183,500</u>	<u>598,700</u>	<u>575,000</u>
Net income	<u>\$ 377,517</u>	<u>\$ 339,181</u>	<u>\$1,127,169</u>	<u>\$1,022,378</u>
Basic earnings per share	<u>\$.25</u>	<u>\$.21</u>	<u>\$.76</u>	<u>\$.63</u>
Diluted earnings per share	<u>\$.25</u>	<u>\$.21</u>	<u>\$.74</u>	<u>\$.63</u>

KEY OPERATING RATIOS

	As of or For The		As of or For The	
	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	March 31,		March 31,	
	2002	2001	2002	2001
Net interest margin	4.39%	4.03%	4.30%	4.08%
Return on average assets	1.18%	1.12%	1.19%	1.12%
Return on average equity	7.56%	6.68%	7.59%	6.84%
Total equity to total assets	15.66%	16.78%	15.66%	16.78%
Common shares outstanding	1,663,962	1,831,213	1,663,962	1,831,213
Book value per share	\$11.95	\$11.19	\$11.95	\$11.19
Nonperforming assets to Total assets	0.49%	0.14%	0.49%	0.14%