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**HOME LOAN FINANCIAL CORPORATION REPORTS
EARNINGS FOR THE QUARTER ENDED MARCH 31, 2000**

Coshocton, Ohio, April 19, 2000 – Home Loan Financial Corporation (Nasdaq:HLFC), the parent company of The Home Loan Savings Bank, today announced net income of \$246,000, or \$.14 basic and diluted earnings per share, for the quarter ended March 31, 2000 compared to net income of \$301,000, or \$.15 basic and diluted earnings per share, for the quarter ended March 31, 1999, a decrease of \$55,000, or 18.3%.

The decrease in earnings for the quarter ended March 31, 2000 compared with March 31, 1999 was primarily attributable to an increase in noninterest expense of \$97,000 from \$582,000 for the three months ended March 31, 1999 versus \$679,000 for the comparable period in 2000. The increase was primarily due to an increase in salaries and employee benefits of \$55,000 due to the hiring of additional staff for the new branch in West Lafayette, Ohio which opened in October 1999. Office occupancy and equipment also increased \$17,000 due to the opening of the new branch.

The net interest margin for the three months ended March 31, 2000 was 3.83%. Return on average equity and return on average assets for the three months ended March 31, 2000 were 5.08% and 0.90%, respectively. The book value of HLFC's common stock was \$10.04 per share as of March 31, 2000 compared to \$13.96 per share as of March 31, 1999. This decrease was primarily the result of a special cash distribution of \$4.00 per share paid to shareholders in May 1999.

Total assets at March 31, 2000 were \$111.3 million compared to June 30, 1999 assets of \$107.9 million, a 3.2% increase. The increase in total assets was primarily in loans which increased \$9.5 million which was partially offset by a decrease in cash and cash equivalents of \$6.0 million during this period. Total equity at March 31, 2000 was \$19.3 million compared to \$19.9 million at June 30, 1999. The decrease in total equity was primarily due to the purchase of treasury stock during the nine months ended March 31, 2000.

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, 2000</u>	<u>June 30, 1999</u>
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,589,468	\$ 8,563,948
Interest-bearing time deposits	--	35,152
Securities available for sale	3,408,675	2,969,723
Mortgage-backed securities available for sale	18,737,921	20,248,220
Federal Home Loan Bank stock	1,536,000	1,430,500
Loans, net	82,610,023	73,068,853
Premises and equipment, net	1,136,842	742,062
Accrued interest receivable	573,251	468,664
Other assets	684,098	328,051
Total assets	<u>\$111,276,278</u>	<u>\$107,855,173</u>
LIABILITIES		
Deposits	\$61,436,386	\$56,494,543
Federal Home Loan Bank advances	29,900,000	28,200,000
Other borrowings	--	2,350,000
Accrued interest payable	403,492	526,693
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	190,257	384,941
Total liabilities	<u>91,930,135</u>	<u>87,956,177</u>
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	14,120,071	14,060,770
Retained earnings-substantially restricted	12,530,889	12,154,493
Unearned employee stock ownership plan shares	(1,983,802)	(2,109,864)
Unearned recognition and retention plan shares	(882,069)	(1,024,269)
Treasury stock, at cost – 320,657 shares at March 31, 2000 and 219,205 shares at June 30, 1999	(3,771,237)	(2,852,948)
Accumulated other comprehensive income	(667,709)	(329,186)
Total shareholders' equity	<u>19,346,143</u>	<u>19,898,996</u>
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	<u>\$111,276,278</u>	<u>\$107,855,173</u>

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	March 31,		March 31,	
	2000	1999	2000	1999
Total interest income	\$2,050,897	\$1,695,010	\$6,078,474	\$4,976,445
Total interest expense	<u>1,038,038</u>	<u>643,414</u>	<u>2,989,028</u>	<u>1,763,447</u>
Net interest income	1,012,859	1,051,596	3,089,446	3,212,998
Provision for loan losses	<u>30,000</u>	<u>30,000</u>	<u>90,000</u>	<u>90,000</u>
Net interest income after provision for loan losses	982,859	1,021,596	2,999,446	3,122,998
Total noninterest income	61,985	43,247	192,140	141,856
Total noninterest expense	<u>679,265</u>	<u>582,339</u>	<u>2,014,172</u>	<u>1,614,697</u>
Income before income tax expense	365,579	482,504	1,177,414	1,650,157
Income tax expense	<u>119,700</u>	<u>181,300</u>	<u>426,500</u>	<u>600,700</u>
Net income	<u>\$ 245,879</u>	<u>\$ 301,204</u>	<u>\$ 750,914</u>	<u>\$1,049,457</u>
Basic earnings per share	<u>\$.14</u>	<u>\$.15</u>	<u>\$.44</u>	<u>\$.52</u>
Diluted earnings per share	<u>\$.14</u>	<u>\$.15</u>	<u>\$.44</u>	<u>\$.51</u>

KEY OPERATING RATIOS

	For The		For The	
	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	March 31,		March 31,	
	2000	1999	2000	1999
Net interest margin	3.83%	4.77%	3.97%	5.10%
Return on average assets	0.90%	1.32%	0.94%	1.61%
Return on average equity	5.08%	3.92%	5.10%	4.48%
Total equity to total assets	17.39%	29.24%	17.39%	29.24%
Common shares outstanding	1,927,593	2,206,180	1,927,593	2,206,180
Book value per share	\$10.04	\$13.96	\$10.04	\$13.96
Nonperforming assets to total assets	0.04%	0.02%	0.04%	0.02%

