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## **BANK OF GRANITE CORPORATION ANNUAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS 2004 PERFORMANCE AND PLANS FOR 2005**

A large group of interested shareholders gathered Monday, April 25, at the Holiday Inn–Select, in Hickory, for Bank of Granite Corporation’s Annual Meeting.

Shareholders heard reports concerning 2004’s earnings and expenses from both John A. Forlines, Jr., Chairman and Charles M. Snipes, President and Chief Executive Officer. The Bank now operates 21 full-service banking offices in seven counties—Caldwell, Catawba, Burke, Mecklenburg, Watauga, Wilkes and Forsyth. Mr. Forlines described 2004 as a year of transition for Bank of Granite. He commented on the bank’s wide geographic expansion in the recent past and said groundwork was laid for greater growth and earnings in the future. He said the Company increased its dividend in 2004 for the 51st consecutive year and said this was a record for any banking company in the country. Mr. Snipes introduced several new key officers who recently joined the bank, including Scott Anderson, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer. Both Forlines and Snipes said the bank was positioned well for a very challenging period ahead. They also thanked the entire Bank of Granite family—employees, directors, shareholders and customers for their hard work and dedication. Kirby A. Tyndall, the bank’s Chief Financial Officer, gave a report on 2005’s first quarter earnings.

Both Mr. Forlines and Mr. Snipes expressed tremendous appreciation to the entire Bank of Granite family—employees, directors, shareholders, and customers—for their hard work and dedication during a very challenging year.

The meeting opened, as has been the custom for many years, with a prayer by Reverend Parker T. Williamson. A Credentials Committee composed of Kirby A. Tyndall, M. L. (Jack) Moore, Jr., and Rudy L. Snow certified that a quorum was present. There were 13,281,106 shares eligible to vote on the record date, March 4, 2005, and 83% were either present in person or voted by proxy.

Shareholders elected the following directors: John N. Bray, Paul A. Fleetwood, III, John A. Forlines, Jr., Hugh R. Gaither, Bob J. McCreary James Y. Preston, Charles M. Snipes and Boyd C. Wilson, Jr. Barbara F. Freiman retired from the Board of Directors and was succeeded by Bob McCreary. McCreary is President of McCreary Modern, Inc. of Newton. He is a graduate of Hudson High School and Wake Forest University. Prior to his election as a corporate director, he was chairman of the bank’s Newton/Conover Board of Directors. Also, shareholders voted to ratify the appointment of Deloitte & Touche, LLP as independent accountants for 2005.

Following the Annual Meeting, Directors met and re-elected all officers for 2005. Senior Officers, who were introduced at the meeting are, in addition to Forlines and Snipes, R. Scott Anderson, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, Kirby A. Tyndall, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, Ben L. Davis, Senior Vice President, John S. Gabriel, Jr., Senior Vice President and Chief Credit Officer, D. Mark Stephens, Senior Vice President and Chief Information Officer, W. C. (Corky) Upchurch, Senior Vice President and Office Administrator Karen B. Warlick, Senior Vice President and Director of Human Resources, Samuel M. Black, Senior Vice President and Mecklenburg Area Executive and Terry N. Freeman, Senior Vice President and Forsyth Area Executive.

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