News Release

Brown Named Leader in Banking Excellence

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Harriett Brown, past president of Springs Valley Bank & Trust Company, Jasper, is being posthumously honored by the Indiana Bankers Association with the IBA Leaders in Banking Excellence award, to be presented on Aug. 5 at a special ceremony in Indianapolis. This award celebrates exceptional leaders who have positively impacted Indiana banks and communities. Four other members of the Indiana banking community are being inducted into the class of 2022 leaders.

At the upcoming awards event, Indiana dignitaries will be making presentations, and award recipients will have the opportunity to offer comments. Brown will be represented by family members. Her family will be presented with an ebony plaque etched with a portrait and biography. Identical crystal plaques will be on permanent display at the IBA offices in Indianapolis.

The Leaders in Banking Excellence awards are the Association's highest honor. For more information about the awards, visit indiana.bank/leaders-banking-excellence.

Biography:

Harriett Brown, past president of Springs Valley Bank & Trust Company, French Lick, began her 63-year banking career in 1926 at West Baden National Bank in West Baden Springs, joining the board of directors in 1949. The bank later became Springs Valley Bank & Trust Company. Brown was named president of Springs Valley in 1971, distinguishing her as one of the first female bank presidents in Indiana. In 1973, she was appointed representative of the Regional Advisory Committee on Banking Policies and Procedures, purportedly the first woman in the nation to serve in that capacity. Brown served on the Orange County Hospital Board of Trustees, the Orange County Welfare Board and the Springs Valley Community Building Corporation. In 1974, the Springs Valley Exchange Club honored her with the Book of Golden Deeds Award. Brown retired from the bank in 1983 and from the board in 1989; she passed away in 2004.

Congratulations to the 2022 class of IBA Leaders in Banking Excellence:

Andrew J. Briggs, Farmers & Merchants State Bank, Geneva
Harriett Brown *(deceased)*, Springs Valley Bank & Trust Company, French Lick
David W. Heeter, Northwest Bank, Muncie
John M. Kennedy, gbcBANK, Greenfield
Garry D. Kleer, First Bank Richmond

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