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**Kenneth, Daniel and Henry Walker of Farmers & Merchants Bank are
Honored With Lifetime Achievement Award at Ernst & Young
Entrepreneur of the Year Awards**

Long Beach, Calif., June 12, 2009 – Kenneth, Daniel and Henry Walker of Farmers & Merchants Bank (www.fmb.com) were collectively honored with the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year 2009 Lifetime Achievement Award at an awards gala on June 11 at the Hyatt Regency Irvine. The Walkers were recognized by the Orange County/Desert Cities awards program and will be considered for the national awards in November.

Farmers & Merchants Bank (F&M) was founded in 1907 by C.J. Walker, and has remained family-operated ever since. With over a century of experience, F&M has been recognized for its safety, conservative lending practices and commitment to community involvement.

“The entrepreneurial spirit of my great grandfather, C.J. Walker, continues to inspire us year after year,” said CEO Henry Walker. “We are honored to accept this award on behalf of all of the Walkers who helped to build and grow Farmers & Merchants Bank into the institution it is today.”

“We are grateful and humbled to be recognized with this prestigious award,” said President and Chairman of the Board Daniel Walker. “We owe special thanks to our family and extended family of F&M employees who make it a special experience to be a part of the bank every day.”

Kenneth Walker, Daniel and Henry’s father, recently celebrated his 60th anniversary working with the bank. “I have seen a lot of changes at F&M in the past 60 years, but one thing that has never changed is our family’s loyalty to each other and the bank,” said Kenneth Walker, who now serves as president of the main branch. “It’s truly an honor to receive the Lifetime Achievement Award for something into which your family has invested their heart, time and energy.”

About Farmers & Merchants Bank of Long Beach

Farmers & Merchants Bank has 22 branches in L.A. and Orange counties. The Bank specializes in commercial and small business banking along with business loan programs up to \$35 million. The Bank is recognized as one of the strongest banks in the country as measured by a variety of industry measurements. Farmers & Merchants Bank of Long Beach is a California state chartered bank with deposits insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (“FDIC”).

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