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FIRST FINANCIAL HOLDINGS, INC. ANNOUNCES FIRST QUARTER EARNINGS CONFERENCE CALL

Charleston, South Carolina (January 8, 2008) -- First Financial Holdings, Inc. (NASDAQ GSM: FFCH) announced today that the company will host a conference call for institutional investors and bank analysts on Thursday, January 17, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time to discuss its financial results. The conference call will coincide with the news release announcing fiscal first quarter earnings which will be distributed prior to the market open on Thursday, January 17, 2008.

A live webcast of the presentation will be available at www.firstfinancialholdings.com.

First Financial is the thrift holding company of First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Charleston. The Association operates a total of 55 offices located in the Charleston Metropolitan area, Horry, Georgetown, Florence and Beaufort counties in South Carolina and Brunswick County in coastal North Carolina. The Company also provides insurance, brokerage and trust services through First Southeast Insurance Services, The Kimbrell Insurance Group, First Southeast Investor Services and First Southeast Fiduciary and Trust Services.