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**HUNTINGTON BANCSHARES INCORPORATED
TO ANNOUNCE 2009 FOURTH QUARTER EARNINGS
AND HOLD EARNINGS CONFERENCE CALL JANUARY 22, 2010**

COLUMBUS, Ohio – Huntington Bancshares Incorporated (NASDAQ: HBAN) expects to report its fourth quarter earnings on Friday, January 22, 2010, prior to the market opening. A news release and supporting financial data will be available at that time on the company's website at www.huntington-ir.com.

Conference Call / Webcast Information

Huntington's senior management will host an earnings conference call the same day at 11:00 a.m. (Eastern Time). The call may be accessed via a live Internet webcast at www.huntington-ir.com or through a dial-in telephone number at **(800) 267-7495**; conference ID **49404279**. Slides will be available at www.huntington-ir.com about an hour prior to the call.

A replay of the webcast will be archived in the Investor Relations section of Huntington's web site www.huntington.com. A telephone replay will be available two hours after the completion of the call through January 29, 2010 at (800) 642-1687; conference ID 49404279.

About Huntington

Huntington Bancshares Incorporated is a \$53 billion regional bank holding company headquartered in Columbus, Ohio. Huntington has more than 143 years of serving the financial needs of its customers. Through our subsidiaries, including our banking subsidiary, The Huntington National Bank, we provide full-service commercial and consumer banking services, mortgage banking services, equipment leasing, investment management, trust services, brokerage services, customized insurance service program, and other financial products and services. Our over 600 banking offices are located in Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia. Huntington also offers retail and commercial financial services online at huntington.com; through its technologically advanced, 24-hour telephone bank; and through its network of almost 1,400 ATMs. The Auto Finance and Dealer Services group offers automobile loans to consumers and commercial loans to automobile dealers within our six-state banking franchise area. Selected financial service activities are also conducted in other states including: Private Financial Group offices in Florida and Mortgage Banking offices in Maryland and New Jersey. International banking services are available through the headquarters office in Columbus and a limited purpose office located in both the Cayman Islands and Hong Kong.

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