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September 14, 2006

Dear Stockholder:

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In the event you have not yet voted your proxy, we have enclosed a duplicate for your use. Please sign and date the proxy and mail it promptly so you can participate in our meeting through the stockholder voting process.

YOU MAY ALSO USE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING SIMPLE METHODS FOR PROMPTLY PROVIDING YOUR VOTING INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1. VOTE BY TELEPHONE. CALL THE TOLL-FREE NUMBER LISTED FOR THIS PURPOSE ON YOUR VOTING INSTRUCTION FORM. HAVE YOUR 12-DIGIT CONTROL NUMBER LISTED ON THE FORM READY AND FOLLOW THE SIMPLE INSTRUCTIONS.
- 2. VOTE BY INTERNET. GO TO THE WEBSITE WWW.PROXYVOTE.COM LISTED ON YOUR VOTING INSTRUCTION FORM. HAVE YOUR 12-DIGIT CONTROL NUMBER LISTED ON THE FORM READY AND FOLLOW THE SIMPLE INSTRUCTIONS.

If your proxy has already been voted, please disregard this letter. If you have not received your proxy material, please call D. F. King & Co., Inc. at 1-800-714-3305 (toll-free). We appreciate your support and continuing interest in Regions Financial Corporation.

Sincerely, /s/ R. Alan Deer R. Alan Deer EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT, GENERAL COUNSEL AND CORPORATE SECRETARY

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