

H&R Block Elects Class I Directors at Annual Meeting; Detroit Businessman David Baker Lewis Elected

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KANSAS CITY, Mo.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Sept. 9, 2005--At its Annual Meeting of Shareholders this week, H&R Block Inc. (NYSE: HRB) elected four Class I directors to serve on its board for a three-year term expiring in 2008. Among those elected was David Baker Lewis, chairman, president and chief executive officer of Lewis & Munday, a Detroit-based law firm with offices in Washington, D.C., and Seattle.

Mr. Lewis, who has been on H&R Block's board since 2004, also serves on the Audit and Finance Committees. In addition to H&R Block, he is a director of The Kroger Company and Lewis & Thompson Agency Inc.

About H&R Block

Celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2005, H&R Block is the world's largest tax services provider, having prepared more than 400 million tax returns since 1955. The sixth-largest retailer in the world, H&R Block has more than 12,000 locations serving taxpayers primarily in the United States, Canada and Australia. The company also provides online and software tax solutions.

H&R Block is a diversified company that provides financial products and services to customers through various businesses: H&R Block Financial Advisors Inc.; H&R Block Mortgage Corp.; Option One Mortgage Corp.; and RSM McGladrey Business Services Inc. For more information about the company, visit www.hrblock.com.

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