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FROM: THE PALM BEACH ZOO
RE: JAMES B. MEANY NAMED TO PALM BEACH ZOO BOARD
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March 15, 2007, West Palm Beach – Dr. Terry L. Maple, President and CEO of the Palm Beach Zoo, has announced the appointment of James B. Meany of North Palm Beach to the institution's prestigious Board of Directors. As President and CEO of Lydian Bank & Trust, Mr. Meany directs the Bank's financial operations, including private banking, asset and wealth management, and trust services. He brings over 20 years of banking, investment and fiduciary management experience to his zoo board responsibilities.

Prior to forming Lydian's private bank, Mr. Meany was Senior Vice President and Managing Director of OffitBank, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Wachovia. In 1988, Mr. Meany became a founding member of Island National Bank and Trust Company, which subsequently merged with Wachovia in 1998.

A native of the Palm Beach area, Mr. Meany received his professional education at the University of South Florida, Florida Atlantic University and Palm Beach Atlantic University. He is an active member of the Palm Beach community, where he has been involved in the support of several organizations, including The American Cancer Society, Ballet Florida, Hospice of Palm Beach County and the Palm Beach Zoo. Mr. Meany also serves as Chair of Johns Hopkins USA Board of Governors.

Regarding his appointment to the zoo board Mr. Meany said, "As a parent and a business person committed to our community, I am delighted with the honor of this appointment and look forward to working with this prestigious board."

Commenting on Meany's appointment, Kane Baker, Chairman of the Palm Beach Zoo Board of Directors, said "I look forward to working with James to advance the cause of the Palm Beach Zoo. He is a well-respected businessman in our community with many local connections and a high level of expertise in the area of finance. I am delighted to have this wonderful man on our board."

The Palm Beach Zoo is a non profit zoological organization located at Dreher Park in West Palm Beach, housing over 1,500 animals within 35 acres of lush tropical habitat. Its mission is to provide an open-air classroom of living creatures to foster awareness, appreciation and respect for the natural world.

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