



## **First Annual Tennessee Financial Literacy Commission Dinner Raises \$150,000, Treasurer Lillard Announces**

*First Tennessee, Garry McNabb Among the Corporate Partners Assisting the Program*

State Treasurer David Lillard announced that \$150,000 was raised at the first annual Tennessee Financial Literacy Commission Dinner in support of financial literacy education in Tennessee. The event, which was held Tuesday, April 10, 2012 at the State Capitol, included more than 100 leaders in Tennessee's business community and the education community. Also featured were leaders in the Tennessee General Assembly, including Lt. Governor Ron Ramsey, House Speaker Beth Harwell, House Majority Leader Gerald McCormick, Senate Majority Leader Mark Norris, in addition to Congresswoman Diane Black, Congressman Jim Cooper, Economic and Community Development Commissioner Bill Hagerty, Financial Institutions Commissioner Greg Gonzales, Tennessee Financial Literacy Commission board members and others.

At the dinner, Lt. Governor Ron Ramsey presented First Tennessee Bank with the Platinum Award for outstanding support for statewide financial literacy programs. He also presented an Award to the Tennessee Jump\$tart Coalition for exemplary leadership to financial literacy initiatives.

"The board of directors and I are overwhelmed by the incredible support for the Tennessee Financial Literacy Commission's mission. I thank all of our sponsors for helping us reach our financial goal," Treasurer Lillard said. "Money raised at the dinner will be used for expenses associated with financial literacy training summits for elementary teachers across Tennessee, including one that we have planned for elementary school teachers here in Nashville on June 14 at the Legislative Plaza.

"The Commission's mission is to train Tennesseans, beginning at the elementary school level, to make sound financial decisions when it comes to planning, saving and investing. To have a good quality of life, it's important for people to have the ability to make responsible financial decisions. Our state will benefit from having a better financially-educated citizenry."

Teachers who wish to learn more about the June 14 summit in Nashville may call (615) 741-2956 or e-mail Joy Harris at [Joy.Harris@tn.gov](mailto:Joy.Harris@tn.gov). The summit will be free, including parking and lunch.

The Tennessee Financial Literacy Commission was established in 2010 by the Tennessee General Assembly as a non-profit organization which is exempt from federal taxation under Section 501(c)(3). The Commission is administered by the Tennessee Treasury Department.