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CENTURY BANCORP, INC. REPORTS FIRST QUARTER RESULTS AND DECLARES QUARTERLY DIVIDEND

Medford, MA, April 8, 2008---Century Bancorp, Inc. (NASDAQ:CNBKA) (www.century-bank.com) ("the Company") today announced net income of \$1,800,000, or \$0.32 per share diluted, for the first quarter ended March 31, 2008, an increase of 79.3% when compared to net income of \$1,004,000, or \$0.18 per share diluted, for the first quarter ended March 31, 2007.

Net interest income totaled \$10.2 million for the quarter ended March 31, 2008 as compared to \$9.2 million for 2007. The 11.2% increase in net interest income for the period is due to an increase of forty-one basis points in the net interest margin, from 2.41% on a fully taxable equivalent basis in 2007 to 2.82% on the same basis for 2008.

At March 31, 2008, total equity was \$122.2 million compared to \$118.8 million at December 31, 2007. The Company's equity increased as a result of earnings and a decline in accumulated other comprehensive loss, net of taxes offset by dividends paid. The Company's leverage ratio stood at 9.56% at March 31, 2008, compared to 8.81% at March 31, 2007. Book value as of March 31, 2008 was \$22.04 per share compared to \$19.65 at March 31, 2007.

The Company's allowance for loan losses was \$9.8 million or 1.31% of loans outstanding at the end of the first quarter of 2008, compared to \$9.8 million, or 1.37% of loans outstanding at March 31, 2007 and \$9.6 million, or 1.33% of loans outstanding at December 31, 2007. Non-performing assets totaled \$2.6 million at March 31, 2008, compared to \$1.8 million at December 31, 2007 and \$625,000 at March 31, 2007. Non-performing assets increased primarily as a result of an increase in small business loans on non-accrual.

The Company's Board of Directors voted a regular quarterly dividend of 12.00 cents (\$0.12) per share on the Company's Class A common stock, and 6.00 cents (\$0.06) per share on the Company's Class B common stock. The dividends were declared payable May 15, 2008 to stockholders of record on May 1, 2008.

The Company, through its subsidiary bank, Century Bank and Trust Company, a state chartered full service commercial bank, operating twenty-one full-service branches in the Greater Boston area, offers a full range of Business, Personal and Institutional Services.

Century Bank and Trust Company is a member of the FDIC and is an Equal Housing Lender.

This press release contains certain "forward-looking statements" with respect to the financial condition, results of operations and business of the Company. Actual results may differ from those contemplated by these statements. The Company wishes to caution readers not to place undue reliance on any forward-looking statements. The Company disclaims any intent or obligation to update publicly any such forward-looking statements, whether in response to new information, future events or otherwise.

Century Bancorp, Inc. and Subsidiaries
Consolidated Comparative Statements of Condition (unaudited)
(in thousands)

	March 31, 2008	December 31, 2007
<u>Assets</u>		
Cash and Due From Banks	\$ 73,886	\$ 66,974
Federal Funds Sold and Interest-bearing Deposits In Other Banks	130,218	232,927
Securities Available-For-Sale (AFS)	419,459	403,635
Securities Held-to-Maturity	194,246	183,710
Loans:		
Commercial & Industrial	130,799	117,332
Construction & Land Development	64,051	62,412
Commercial Real Estate	300,626	299,920
Residential Real Estate	166,828	168,204
Consumer and Other	25,312	21,588
Home Equity	56,695	56,795
Total Loans	744,311	726,251
Less: Allowance for Loan Losses	9,773	9,633
Net Loans	734,538	716,618
Bank Premises and Equipment	22,413	21,985
Accrued Interest Receivable	6,800	6,590
Goodwill	2,714	2,714
Core Deposit Intangible	1,574	1,671
Other Assets	43,217	43,457
Total Assets	<u>\$ 1,629,065</u>	<u>\$ 1,680,281</u>
<u>Liabilities</u>		
Demand Deposits	\$ 266,013	\$ 289,526
Interest Bearing Deposits:		
Savings and NOW Deposits	334,123	310,858
Money Market Accounts	275,874	234,099
Time Deposits	271,836	295,578
Total Interest Bearing	881,833	840,535
Total Deposits	1,147,846	1,130,061
Borrowed Funds:		
Securities Sold Under Agreements to Repurchase	79,970	85,990
Other Borrowed Funds	217,483	289,885
Total Borrowed Funds	297,453	375,875
Other Liabilities	25,483	19,456
Subordinated Debentures	36,083	36,083
Total Liabilities	1,506,865	1,561,475
Total Stockholders' Equity	122,200	118,806
Total Liabilities & Stockholders' Equity	<u>\$ 1,629,065</u>	<u>\$ 1,680,281</u>

Century Bancorp, Inc. and Subsidiaries
Consolidated Comparative Statements of Income (unaudited)
For the Quarter Ended March 31, 2008 and 2007
(in thousands)

	<u>Quarter Ended March 31,</u>	
	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Interest Income:		
Loans	\$ 12,262	\$ 12,971
Securities Held-to-Maturity	1,905	2,396
Securities Available-for-Sale	4,379	3,552
Federal Funds Sold and Interest-bearing Deposits In Other Banks	<u>1,216</u>	<u>1,827</u>
Total Interest Income	19,762	20,746
Interest Expense:		
Savings and NOW Deposits	1,614	1,592
Money Market Accounts	1,590	2,386
Time Deposits	2,916	4,610
Securities Sold Under Agreements to Repurchase	516	773
Other Borrowed Funds and Subordinated Debentures	<u>2,894</u>	<u>2,183</u>
Total Interest Expense	<u>9,530</u>	<u>11,544</u>
Net Interest Income	10,232	9,202
Provision For Loan Losses	<u>700</u>	<u>300</u>
Net Interest Income After Provision for Loan Losses	9,532	8,902
Other Operating Income		
Service Charges on Deposit Accounts	1,981	1,786
Lockbox Fees	772	734
Net Gain on Sales of Investments	100	-
Other Income	<u>569</u>	<u>329</u>
Total Other Operating Income	3,422	2,849
Operating Expenses		
Salaries and Employee Benefits	6,290	6,213
Occupancy	1,064	996
Equipment	730	733
Other	<u>2,300</u>	<u>2,360</u>
Total Operating Expenses	<u>10,384</u>	<u>10,302</u>
Income Before Income Taxes	2,570	1,449
Income Tax Expense	<u>770</u>	<u>445</u>
Net Income	<u>\$ 1,800</u>	<u>\$ 1,004</u>

Century Bancorp, Inc. and Subsidiaries
Consolidated Quarterly Average Comparative Statements of Condition (unaudited)
(in thousands)

	March 31, 2008	March 31, 2007
<u>Assets</u>		
Cash and Due From Banks	\$ 56,737	\$ 59,704
Federal Funds Sold and Interest-Bearing Deposits in Other Banks	151,477	140,819
Securities Available-For-Sale (AFS)	392,395	396,199
Securities Held-to-Maturity	189,331	263,714
Total Loans	735,099	725,872
Less: Allowance for Loan Losses	<u>9,772</u>	<u>9,817</u>
Net Loans	725,327	716,055
Unrealized Gain(Loss) on Securities AFS	2,781	(7,142)
Bank Premises and Equipment	22,310	23,071
Accrued Interest Receivable	6,959	7,254
Goodwill	2,714	2,714
Core Deposit Intangible	1,634	2,021
Other Assets	<u>42,413</u>	<u>41,993</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 1,594,078</u>	<u>\$ 1,646,402</u>
<u>Liabilities</u>		
Demand Deposits	\$ 259,395	\$ 279,897
Interest Bearing Deposits:		
Savings and NOW Deposits	342,503	305,694
Money Market Accounts	248,368	298,125
Time Deposits	<u>283,893</u>	<u>390,618</u>
Total Interest Bearing	<u>874,764</u>	<u>994,437</u>
Total Deposits	1,134,159	1,274,334
Borrowed Funds:		
Securities Sold Under Agreements to Repurchase	93,074	84,131
Other Borrowed Funds	<u>188,616</u>	<u>120,659</u>
Total Borrowed Funds	281,690	204,790
Other Liabilities	20,751	23,228
Subordinated Debentures	<u>36,083</u>	<u>36,083</u>
Total Liabilities	1,472,683	1,538,435
Total Stockholders' Equity	<u>121,395</u>	<u>107,967</u>
Total Liabilities & Stockholders' Equity	<u>\$ 1,594,078</u>	<u>\$ 1,646,402</u>
Total Average Earning Assets - YTD	<u>\$ 1,468,302</u>	<u>\$ 1,526,603</u>

Century Bancorp, Inc. and Subsidiaries
Consolidated Selected Key Financial Information (unaudited)
(in thousands, except share data)

	March 31, 2008	March 31, 2007
<u>Performance Measures:</u>		
Earnings per average share, basic, quarter	\$ 0.32	\$ 0.18
Earnings per average share, diluted, quarter	\$ 0.32	\$ 0.18
Return on average assets, quarter	0.45%	0.25%
Return on average stockholders' equity, quarter	5.96%	3.77%
Net interest margin (taxable equivalent), quarter	2.82%	2.41%
Efficiency ratio, quarter	75.2%	85.3%
Book value per share	\$ 22.04	\$ 19.65
Tangible book value per share	\$ 21.27	\$ 18.81
Tangible capital / tangible assets	7.26%	6.69%

Common Share Data:

Average shares outstanding, basic, quarter	5,543,804	5,541,225
Average shares outstanding, diluted, quarter	5,546,700	5,550,653
Shares outstanding Class A	3,516,704	3,513,604
Shares outstanding Class B	2,027,100	2,028,700
Total shares outstanding at period end	<u>5,543,804</u>	<u>5,542,304</u>

Assets Quality and Other Data:

Allowance for loan losses / loans	1.31%	1.37%
Nonaccrual loans	\$ 2,184	\$ 625
Nonperforming assets	\$ 2,636	\$ 625
Loans 90 days past due and still accruing	\$ 639	\$ -
Net charge-offs (recoveries), quarter	\$ 560	\$ 215
Leverage ratio	9.56%	8.81%
Tier 1 risk weighted capital ratio	16.48%	16.59%
Total risk weighted capital ratio	17.55%	17.71%
Total risk weighted assets	\$ 920,829	\$ 873,785