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**First Financial Mortgage Teams up with U.S. Rep. Candice Miller,  
Making It Easy for Michigan Families to Contact Troops**

*Local Mortgage Company to Send Phone Cards to Soldiers in Iraq*

(Northville, MI) – Want to help soldiers in Iraq stay connected to loved ones back home? Would you like to reach out to our troops overseas and give them all a little piece of home? Now, you can do just that, thanks to U.S. Rep. Candice Miller and First Financial Mortgage.

U.S. Rep. Candice Miller recently changed the law, allowing for the first time in history anyone to purchase a military exchange phone card to help service members stay in touch with their loved ones. Under normal circumstances, law states that only patrons with military exchange privileges can shop at military exchange stores. The U.S. Defense Department is making an exception in an effort to keep our troops connected.

And, now, First Financial Mortgage in Northville is taking the concept one step further. Beginning on Valentine's Day, February 14<sup>th</sup>, First Financial will purchase a prepaid military exchange phone card worth \$20 for every single closing it processes. First Financial will purchase and send the phone card in the name of the client closing their mortgage.

“We just wanted to do something for all the Americans who do not necessarily have friends or relatives stationed abroad, yet they want to support their service,” said Michael Gruley, President of First Financial Mortgage in Northville. When Gruley heard about the program, he just knew he had to get involved. “Many of our clients who do reverse mortgages with us served in the military themselves so this is a perfect way for them to re-connect with our troops in the field,” said Gruley.

By sending phone cards to soldiers in Iraq, First Financial allows clients to make a contribution to our troops without compromising security or straining the military mail system. The cards can be used at any of the 60 call centers throughout military installations in Iraq and Afghanistan, which stay open around the clock.