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GENERAL AMERICAN INVESTORS COMPANY

**APPOINTMENT OF OFFICER
ANNUAL SHAREHOLDER MEETING**

NEW YORK - Dec. 9 - The Board of Directors of General American Investors Company, Inc. a closed-end investment company whose common and preferred shares are listed on the New York Stock Exchange (ticker symbols GAM and GAM Pr B, respectively) announced the appointment of Michael W. Robinson as Vice-President of the Company.

Mr. Robinson joined General American Investors Company in April 2006 as a senior security analyst. He began his investment career at J.P. Morgan & Company in 1994 where he was an investment banker and rose to become a Vice-President in their private equity group, J.P. Morgan Capital. Subsequently, he was a General Partner in a communications and media-focused private equity firm that he co-founded and a Senior Equity Analyst in a long/short hedge fund. Michael has served as a director or observer on 8 Boards of Directors and helped found 6 companies. Michael graduated from Trinity College, where he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa, with a B.A. in Economics and a minor in Mathematics.

The Board of Directors also wishes to announce that the annual shareholder meeting will be held in New York City on April 14, 2010 for shareholders of record on February 16, 2010.

General American Investors was founded in 1927, has been publicly traded since its inception, and has been listed on the NYSE since 1930. The objective of the Company is long-term capital appreciation through investment in companies with above average growth potential. The Company has total net assets of approximately \$835 million applicable to its 31.3 million shares of common stock outstanding. The aggregate liquidation value of the Company's 5.95% Cumulative Preferred Stock, Series B is \$190.1 million.

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