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### FDIC APPROVES ASSUMPTION OF DEPOSITS OF HIDALGO COUNTY BANK, MERCEDES, TEXAS

The Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation has approved the assumption of the deposits and fully secured liabilities of Hidalgo County Bank, Mercedes, Texas, by The First National Bank of La Feria, La Feria, Texas. The failed bank's sole office will reopen on Thursday, July 27, 1989, as a branch of The First National Bank of La Feria and its depositors automatically will become depositors of the assuming bank, subject to approval by the appropriate court.

Hidalgo County Bank, with total assets of about \$19.3 million, was closed on Wednesday, July 26, 1989, by Kenneth W. Littlefield, Texas Bank Commissioner, and the FDIC was named receiver.

The First National Bank of La Feria will assume about \$18.7 million in 5,000 deposit accounts and will pay the FDIC a purchase premium of \$76,000. It also will purchase approximately \$14.6 million of the failed bank's assets, including \$367,000 of the bank's small loans.

To facilitate the transaction the FDIC will advance \$4.1 million to the assuming bank and will retain assets of the failed bank with a book value of \$4.7 million.

The Board of Directors approved the deposit assumption under its authority to do so whenever it determines that such a transaction will reduce the potential loss to the FDIC.

The FDIC will recover a portion of its outlay through the liquidation of assets not transferred to the assuming bank. In this respect, the FDIC notes that its claim will have priority over the claims of nondepositor creditors and shareholders of the closed bank.

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