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FDIC TRANSFERS INSURED DEPOSITS OF HARRIS COUNTY BANK HOUSTON, N.A., HOUSTON, TEXAS

The Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation has approved the transfer of insured deposits and fully secured or preferred deposits of Harris County Bank Houston, N.A., Houston, Texas, to OMNIBANC South, National Association, Houston, Texas.

The failed bank's three offices will reopen on Monday, February 29, 1988, as branches of OMNIBANC South, National Association. Deposits in the failed bank up to the \$100,000 insurance limit will be available to their owners on Monday. In the interim, checks drawn on the failed bank's accounts, up to the insurance limit, will continue to be honored.

The Board of Directors decided to arrange an insured deposit transfer because no acceptable bids were received for a purchase and assumption transaction.

Harris County Bank Houston, N.A., with total assets of \$81.0 million, was closed on Thursday, February 25, 1988, by Senior Deputy Comptroller of the Currency Robert J. Herrmann, and the FDIC was named receiver.

The FDIC will transfer \$78.3 million in 16,500 insured deposit accounts to OMNIBANC South, National Association. About \$663,000 in 28 accounts exceeded the federal insurance limit of \$100,000. Uninsured depositors and nondepositor creditors will share proportionately with the FDIC in the proceeds realized from the liquidation of the failed bank's assets.

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Even though insured depositors in the failed bank can automatically continue to conduct their banking transactions with the acquiring bank for an 18-month period, they are encouraged to visit the acquiring bank during the next several weeks to discuss the continuation of their banking relationship.

Administration of the transferred insured deposits will be funded by an equivalent cash payment from the FDIC. OMNIBANC South, National Association, will purchase assets of \$49,890,000 at a discount of \$1.2 million.

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