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FDIC APPROVES ASSUMPTION OF DEPOSITS OF
VANGUARD SAVINGS BANK, HOLYOKE, MASSACHUSETTS

The Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation has approved the assumption of the deposits of Vanguard Savings Bank, Holyoke, Massachusetts, by Fleet Bank of Massachusetts, N.A., Boston, Massachusetts.

Six of the failed bank's eight offices will reopen on Saturday, March 28, 1992, as branches of Fleet Bank, and its depositors automatically will become depositors of the assuming bank. The bank's main office and Bay State West branch on 1500 Main St., Springfield, Massachusetts, will reopen on Monday, March 30, 1992, as branches of Fleet Bank.

Vanguard Savings Bank, with total assets of \$406.5 million, was closed on Friday, March 27, 1992, by Michael C. Hanson, Massachusetts Banking Commissioner, and the FDIC was named receiver.

Fleet Bank will assume about \$407.7 million in about 50,300 deposit accounts, and will purchase \$4.6 million of the failed bank's assets. To facilitate the transaction, the FDIC will advance about \$402.7 million to the assuming bank and will retain assets of the failed bank with a book value of about \$401.9 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. Non-depositor creditors will share proportionately with the FDIC in the proceeds realized from liquidation of the failed bank's assets.

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