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FDIC APPROVES ASSUMPTION OF DEPOSITS OF MERCHANTS TRUST & SAVINGS BANK, KENNER, LOUISIANA

The Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation has approved the assumption of the deposits and secured liabilities of Merchants Trust & Savings Bank, Kenner, Louisiana, by First American Bank and Trust, Vacherie, Louisiana.

Merchants Trust & Savings Bank, with total assets of \$44.9 million, was closed on Thursday, February 14, 1991, by A. Bridger Eglin, Louisiana Commissioner of Financial Institutions, and the FDIC was named receiver.

The failed bank's three offices will reopen on Friday, February 15, 1991, as branches of First American Bank and Trust, and its depositors automatically will become depositors of the assuming bank.

First American Bank and Trust will assume about \$43.7 million in 8,100 deposit accounts and will purchase approximately \$36.6 million of the failed bank's assets at a discount of \$6,940,000.

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 transaction will result in a lower cost to the FDIC than if the assets were held and liquidated in receivership. Additionally, because the assets and deposits will be administered by First American Bank and Trust, the failed bank's customers will have the benefit of continuous uninterrupted service.

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