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St. Louis, Missouri, July 7, 1995 -- The Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, acting pursuant to delegated authority for the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, today approved the application of General Bancshares, Inc., Little Rock, Arkansas, to become a bank holding company through the acquisition of 100 percent of the voting shares of Sparkman Bancshares, Inc., Sparkman, Arkansas, thereby indirectly acquiring Merchants and Planters Bank, Sparkman, Arkansas.

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