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ST. LOUIS — 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 notification of Mercantile Bancorporation Inc., St. Louis, Missouri, to acquire all of the assets and assume all of the liabilities of Metro Savings Bank, F.S.B., Wood River, Illinois, and its wholly owned subsidiary, Metro Financial Service Corporation, Inc., Wood River, Illinois.

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