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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 application by BancPlus Corporation Employee Stock Ownership Plan, Belzoni, Mississippi, and by BancPlus Corporation, Belzoni, Mississippi, to acquire 100 percent of the voting shares of Home Savings Bank, SSB, Meridian, Mississippi, a state-chartered savings bank insured by the Bank Insurance Fund.