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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 Community Financial Corp., Olney, Illinois, to acquire 100 percent of the outstanding voting shares of American Bancshares, Inc., Highland, Illinois, thereby indirectly acquiring its subsidiary bank, American Bank of Illinois in Highland, Highland, Illinois.

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