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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 by Mercantile Bancorp, Inc., Quincy, Illinois, to acquire, through merger, 100 percent of the outstanding voting shares of Golden Bancshares, Inc., Golden, Illinois, thereby indirectly acquiring Golden State Bank, Golden, Illinois, and Brown County State Bank, Mount Sterling, Illinois.

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