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ST. LOUIS, Mo. — 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 Reliance Bancshares, Inc., Des Peres, Missouri, to acquire 100 percent of Reliance Bank, FSB, Fort Myers, Florida.

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