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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 Lonoke Bancshares, Inc., Lonoke, Arkansas, to acquire additional shares of First Southern Bank, Batesville, Arkansas, thereby increasing its ownership percentage up to 13.91 percent of the bank's outstanding voting shares.

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