

HOWE BARNES IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE  
OUR RECENT ADVISORY TRANSACTION

**Bank of Jefferson**

*has signed a definitive agreement  
to be acquired by*



March 2007

Howe Barnes acted as financial advisor to  
Bank of Jefferson in this transaction.

Bank of Jefferson, Jefferson, South Carolina, has signed a definitive agreement to be acquired by Cooperative Bankshares, Inc., Wilmington, North Carolina in an all cash transaction. The transaction will provide Cooperative with the opportunity to enter Eastern South Carolina and more specifically the Grand Strand area.

The combined organization will have 22 full-service banking offices, 3 mortgage banking offices and approximately \$875 million in assets (*as of 12/31/06*).

The acquisition is expected to close in the third quarter of 2007, subject to shareholder and regulatory approvals.

**Financial Highlights (*as of 12/31/06*)**

	<u>Bank of Jefferson</u>	<u>Cooperative Bankshares, Inc.</u>
Total Assets (\$000)	14,791	860,090
Total Equity (\$000)	2,059	57,623
Tang. Eq. / Tang. Assets	13.9%	6.5%
LTM ROAA	0.63%	0.94%
LTM ROAE	4.6%	14.2%

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