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One of the FDIC's strengths as an institution has been a steadfast belief among its staff in the importance of its mission to maintain the nation's financial stability. That dedication has been especially evident when banking crises have occurred, and the crisis years of 2008–2013 demonstrated that commitment yet again.

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