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STATE OF ALABAMA)
COUNTY OF SHELBY)

DURABLE POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That I, the undersigned, MARLA A. CASON, do hereby appoint GEOFFREY R. CASON to be my lawful attorney-in-fact in all matters relating to our purchase of 753 DIVIDING RIDGE, BIRMINGHAM, AL 35244, SHELBY County, Alabama from WILLIAM P. NELSON AND REBECCA B. NELSON, and described below:

LOT 9, ACCORDING TO THE SURVEY OF RIVERCHASE WEST DIVIDING RIDGE, FIRST ADDITION, AS RECORDED IN MAP BOOK 7, PAGE 3, IN THE OFFICE OF THE JUDGE OF PROBATE OF SHELBY COUNTY, ALABAMA.

I hereby specifically authorize GEOFFREY R. CASON to execute on my behalf all papers necessary to complete the mortgage of the above property in the amount of \$120,000,00 at a rate of 6.75% for a term of 30 years, including, but not limited to all waivers, receipts, notes, mortgages, truth-in-lending documents, deeds and any other documents required to be executed by Bank, Savings and Loan, Title Company or Mortgage Company in connection with the mortgage and to do all acts and things as fully and effectually in all respects as I would do if present.

It is my intent that this Power of Attorney shall be a Durable Power of Attorney pursuant to Section 26-1-2 Code of Alabama 1975, as amended. This Power of Attorney shall not be affected by disability, incompetency or incapacity of the principal.

And I hereby declare that any act or thing lawfully done hereunder by my said attorncy shall be binding on myself, and my heirs, legal personal representatives, and assigns; whether the same shall have been done before or after my death, or other revocation of this instrument, unless and until reliable intelligence or notice thereof shall have been received by any person acting in reliance hereon. This Power of Attorney may be filed for record in any public office and shall expire 60 days from the date of execution.

WITNESS my hand and seal this ____ day of JUNE, 2002

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STATEOF Lennesse COUNTY OF Buther ford

I, the undersigned Notary Public in and for said County in said State, hereby certify that MARIA A. CASON, whose name is signed to the foregoing Durable Power of Attorney, and who is known to me, acknowledged before me on this day that, being informed of the contents of the Durable Power of Attorney, she executed the same voluntarily on the day the same bears date.

Given under my hand and official seal this 3 of JUNE, 2002.

Notary Public

My commission expires: 8-22-04