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STATE OF ALABAMA)

COUNTY OF SHELBY)

DURABLE POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That I, the undersigned, RICHARD H. HOWARD, do hereby appoint MICHELLE TAYLOR to be my lawful attorney-in-fact in all matters relating to my purchase of 3000 NEWBURY CIRCLE, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA 35242, SHELBY COUNTY, Alabama, and described below:

LOT 1026, ACCORDING TO THE SURVEY OF HIGHLAND LAKES 10th SECTOR, AN EDDLEMAN COMMUNITY, AS RECORDED IN MAP BOOK 26 AT PAGE 27 IN THE OFFICE OF THE JUDGE OF PROBATE COURT OF SHELBY COUNTY, ALABAMA.

I hereby specifically authorize MICHELLE TAYLOR to execute on my behalf all papers necessary to complete the purchase and mortgage of the above property in the amount of \$400,000.00 at a rate of 7.125% for a term of 5 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, Mortgage or Title Company in connection with the mortgage and to do all acts and things as fully and effectual 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, incompetence or incapacity of the principal.



And I hereby declare that any act or thing lawfully done hereunder by my said attorney 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 90 days from the date of execution.

WITNESS my hand and seal this 24 day of OCTOBER, 2006.

RICHARD H. HOWARD

STATE OF ALABAMA COUNTY OF SHELBY

I, the undersigned Notary Public in and for said County in said State, hereby certify that RICHARD H. HOWARD, 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, he executed the same voluntarily on the day the same bears date.

Given under my hand and official seal this 24th of OCTOBER 2006.

Notary Public

My commission expires:

Notary Public

State of Alabama

My Commission Expires 8/7/10