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STATE OF ALABAMA COUNTY OF SHELBY

WARRANTY DEED

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That in consideration of other good and valuable considerations and the sum of FORTY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00 CENTS (US\$45,000.00) Dollars to the undersigned GRANTORS in hand paid by the GRANTEE herein, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, Wilburn W. Howard and wife, Laura Nell Howard, (hereinafter referred to as GRANTORS), do hereby grant, bargain, sell and convey unto William E. Sykes, an unmarried man, (hereinafter referred to as GRANTEE), the following described real estate situated in the County of Shelby and State of Alabama, to-wit:

Begin at the NE corner of the NE 1/4 of the SE 1/4, Section 26, Township 20 South, Range 4 West; thence run South along the East line of said NE 1/4 of SE 1/4 a distance of 665.15 feet for point of beginning; thence South along said East line a distance of 100.0 feet; thence turn an angle of 89 degrees 37 1/2 seconds a distance of 218.0 feet; turn right an angle of 90 degrees 30 minutes 22 1/2 seconds a distance of 100 feet; turn right an angle of 89 degrees 29 minutes 37 1/2 seconds a distance of 218.0 feet to point of beginning, being in the NE 1/4 of SE 1/4, Section 26, Township 20 South, Range 4 West, Shelby County, Alabama.

Note: \$ 45 850 ∞ of the above purchase price is in the form of a Mortgage in favor of Eustis Mortgage Corporation executed and recorded simultaneously herewith.

This conveyance is hereby made subject to restrictions, easements and rights of way of record in the Probate Office of Shelby County, Alabama.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD all and singular, the above mentioned and described premises, together with the appurtenances, unto the said GRANTEE, his heirs and assigns forever. And said GRANTOR do for themselves, their heirs and assigns, covenant with the said GRANTEE, his heirs and assigns, that they are lawfully seized in fee simple of said premises, that they are free from all encumbrances, unless otherwise noted above, that he is entitled to the immediate possession thereof; that they have a good right to sell and convey the same as aforesaid; that they will and their heirs and assigns shall, warrant and defend the same to the said GRANTEE, his heirs and assigns forever, against the lawful claims of all persons.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and seals on this the $\frac{12+1}{2}$ day of $\frac{1}{2}$ 1997.

Wilhuen W Howard

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STATE OF ALABAMA; COUNTY OF SHELBY

I, the undersigned, a notary public in and for said county in said state, hereby certify that Wilburn W. Howard and wife, Laura Nell Howard, whose names are signed to the foregoing conveyance, and who are known to me, acknowledged before me on this day that, being informed of the contents of the conveyance, they executed the same voluntarily on the day the same bears date.

Given under my hand and official seal this the 12th day of June, 1997

Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 4/23/00

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SHELBY COUNTY JUDGE OF PROBATE
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