THE STATE OF ALABAMA

COUNTY OF SHELBY

THIS INSTRUMENT WAS PREPARED BY: STACY ESCO HIGHLAND BANK 2211 HIGHLAND AVE. BIRMINGHAM, AL 35205

PARTIAL RELEASE

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENT, THAT FOR AND IN CONSIDERATION OF THE PAYMENT OF SIX HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$650,000.00), AND OTHER VALUABLE CONSIDERATIONS TO THE UNDERSIGNED, HIGHLAND DOES HEREBY RELEASE AND DISCHARGE FROM THE LIEN AND OPERATION OF THAT CERTAIN MORTGAGE EXECUTED TO IT BY FIRST UNION INVESTORS, LLC, UNDER THE DATE OF 8-28-96, AND RECORDED IN HE PROBATE OFFICE OF SHELBY COUNTY, ALABAMA, IN VOLUME 1996, PAGE 28270.

LOT 37, ACCORDING TO THE SURVEY OF CHESTNUT FOREST, IN MAP BOOK 42, PAGE 98, IN THE PROBATE OFFICE OF SHELBY COUNTY, ALABAMA.

IT IS UNDERSTOOD, HOWEVER, THAT THE EXECUTION OF THIS RELEASE SHALL IN NO WAY OPERATE TO RELEASE OR IMPAIR THE LIEN OR SECURITY OF SAID MORTGAGE UPON THE PROPERTY REMAINING SUBJECT THERETO.

IN WITNESS, THE UNDERSIGNED, HAS CAUSED THESE PRESENTS TO BE EXECUTED THIS 18TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1997.

> HIGHLAND BANK BEBE VAUGHN LOAN OPERATION OFFICER

STATE OF ALABAMA JEFFERSON COUNTY

I, SANDRA H. TALLEY, A NOTARY PUBLIC, IN AND FOR SAID COUNTY IN SAID STATE, HEREBY CERTIFY THAT BEBE VAUGHN, LOAN OPERATIONS OFFICER OF HIGHLAND BANK, A CORPORATION, IS SIGNED TO THE FOREGOING RELEASE, AND WHO IS KNOWN TO ME, ACKNOWLEDGES BEFORE ME ON THIS DATE THAT, BEING INFORMED OF THE CONTENTS OF THE RELEASE, HE, AS SUCH OFFICER AND WITH FULL AUTHORITY, EXECUTED THE SAME VOLUNTARILY FOR AND AS THE ACT OF SAID CORPORATION.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND THIS 18th DAY OF September. 1997.

NOTARY

NOTARY PUBLIC STATE OF ALABAMA AT LARGE. 24/1997-30753 MY COMMISSION EXPIRES: Feb. 2098.45 AM CERTIFIED BONDED THRU NOTARY PUBLIC UNDERWRITEDBY COUNTY JUDGE OF PROBATE

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