

THIS INSTRUMENT PREPARED BY:  
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STATE OF ALABAMA  
 SHELBY COUNTY

Inst # 1997-40557

DURABLE POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That I, the undersigned, DOROTHY JEAN EAKES, do hereby appoint my spouse, TIMOTHY LAWSON EAKES, JR. to be my lawful attorney in all matters relating to the purchase of the property located at 919 JACKSON CIRCLE, HELENA, AL 35080, SHELBY County, Alabama from JOHN H. CLINE D/B/A HAMPTON HOMES and described below:

Lot 51, according to the survey of ST. CHARLES PLACE, PHASE TWO, SECTOR 7, as recorded in Map Book 22, Page 45, in the Probate Office of SHELBY County, Alabama.

I hereby specifically authorize TIMOTHY LAWSON EAKES, JR. to execute on my behalf all papers necessary to complete the purchase of the above property, including, but not limited to all promissory notes, mortgages, affidavits, disclosures, settlement statements and any other documents required to be executed by our lender 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 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 60 days from the date of execution.

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 08:46 AM CERTIFIED  
 SHELBY COUNTY JUDGE OF PROBATE  
 002 MEL 11.00

WITNESS my hand and seal this 4<sup>th</sup> day of DECEMBER, 1997.

Dorothy Jean Eakes  
DOROTHY JEAN EAKES

STATE OF ALABAMA  
COUNTY OF PIKE

I, the undersigned Notary Public in and for said County in said State, hereby certify that DOROTHY JEAN EAKES, 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 4<sup>th</sup> of DECEMBER, 1997.

Margaret H. Austing  
Notary Public  
My commission expires: Jan 8, 2000

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