

STATE OF ALABAMA  
COUNTY OF TALLADEGA

DURABLE POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, which are intended to constitute a Durable Power of Attorney, that I, CH. Thomas, the undersigned, a resident of Talladega County, State of Alabama, do hereby make, constitute and appoint Gene Smith of Talladega, Alabama as my true and lawful Attorney in Fact, for me and in my name, place and stead, and on my behalf and for my use and benefit.

To exercise or perform any act, power, duty, right or, obligation whatsoever that I now have, or may hereafter acquire the legal right, power, or capacity to exercise or perform, in connection with, arising from, or relating to any person, item, transaction, thing, business property, real or personal, tangible or intangible, or whatsoever;

To request, ask, demand, sue for, recover, collect, receive, and hold and possess all such sums of money, debts, dues, commercial paper, checks, drafts, accounts, deposits, legacies, bequests, devises, notes, interests, stock certificates, bonds, dividends, certificates of deposit, annuities, pension and retirement benefits, insurance benefits and proceeds, any and all documents of title, choses in action, personal and real property, tangible and intangible property and property rights, and demands whatsoever, liquidated or unliquidated, as now are, or shall hereafter become, owned by me, or due, owing, payable, or belonging to, me or in which I have, or may hereafter acquire interest, to have use, and take all lawful means and equitable and legal remedies, procedures, and writs in my name for the collection and recovery thereof, and to adjust, sell, compromise, and agree for the same, and to make, execute, and deliver for me, on my behalf, and in my name, all endorsements, acquittances, releases, receipts, or other sufficient discharges for the same;

To lease, purchase, exchange, and acquire, and to agree, bargain, and contract for the lease, purchase, exchange, and

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acquisition of, and to accept, take, receive, and possess any real or personal property whatsoever, tangible or intangible, or interest thereon, on such terms or conditions, under such covenants, as my said Attorney in Fact shall deem proper;

To maintain, repair, improve, manage, insure, rent, lease, sell, convey, subject to liens, mortgage, subject to deeds of trust, and hypothecate, and in any way or manner deal with all or any part of any real or personal property whatsoever, tangible or intangible, or any interest therein, that I now own or may hereafter acquire, for me, in my behalf, and in my name and under such terms and conditions, and under such covenants, as my said Attorney in Fact shall deem proper;

To conduct, engage in, and transact any and all lawful business of whatever nature or kind for me, on my behalf, and in my name;

To make, receive, sign, endorse, execute, acknowledge, deliver, and possess such applications, contracts, agreements, options, covenants, conveyances, deeds, trust deeds, security agreements, bills of sale, leases, mortgages, assignments, insurance policies, bills of lading, warehouse receipts, documents of title, bills, bonds, debentures, checks, drafts, bills of exchange, letters of credit, notes, stock certificates, proxies, warrants, commercial paper, receipts, withdrawal receipts and deposit instruments relating to accounts or deposits in, or certificates of deposit of, banks, savings and loan associations, credit unions, or other financial institutions or associations, proofs of loss, evidences of debts, releases, and satisfaction of mortgages, liens, judgments, security agreements and other debts and obligations and such other instruments in writing of whatever kind and nature as may be necessary or proper in the exercise of the rights and powers herein granted;

I grant to my said Attorney in Fact full power and authority to do, take, and perform all and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, proper, or necessary to be done, in the exercise of any of the rights and powers herein granted, as fully to all intents and purposes as I might or could do if personally present, with full power of substitution or revocation, hereby ratifying and

confirming all that my said Attorney in Fact, or his/her substitute, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this Power of Attorney and the rights and powers herein granted.

This instrument is to be construed and interpreted as a durable and general power of attorney. The enumeration of specific items, rights, acts, or powers herein is not intended to, nor does it, limit or restrict, and is not to be construed or interpreted as limiting or restricting, the general powers herein granted to my said Attorney in Fact.

In the exercise of any power granted by this instrument, the signature of my Attorney in Fact shall be required.

In the case of the death of my Attorney in Fact, or if my Attorney in Fact should become unable to accomplish the goals of this instrument by reason of some disability, then I appoint Walter Bonds of Talladega to become my Attorney in Fact, and shall solely possess each and every power granted herein.

The right, powers and authority of my said Attorney in Fact herein granted shall commence and be in full force and effect as of this date, the 21 day of Jan., 1999; the authority conferred herein shall not be affected by disability, incompetency, or incapacity of the said principal, CH Thomas; and such rights, powers and authority shall remain in full force and effect <sup>20 AFTER</sup> ~~until~~ the death of the principal, CH Thomas. Any action taken in good faith pursuant to the foregoing authority without actual knowledge of my death shall be binding on me, my heirs, assigns and personal representatives.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, as Principal, I have signed this Durable Power of Attorney at Talladega, Alabama, this the 21 day of January, 1999, and I have directed that photographic copies of this power be made which shall have the same force and effect as an original.

E. H. Thomas

STATE OF ALABAMA

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I, Bobby L. Ford Jr. Notary Public in and for said County in said State, hereby certify that Cal Thomas, 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 said Durable Power of Attorney, he executed the same voluntarily on the day that the same bears date.

Given under my hand and seal this the 21 day of January, 1999.

Bobby L. Ford Jr.  
Notary Public  
My commission expires 11-7-99

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