RELEASE OF MORTGAGE

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS that the undersigned, Countrywide Home Loans, Inc. (fka Countrywide Funding Corporation), Mortgagee, in that certain mortgage executed by

KENNETH G. HOWELL SHERRY M. HOWELL HUSBAND AND WIFE

as Mortgagors, to the undersigned, which mortgage is dated 12/23/1996 and filed for record 01/03/1997 in Mortgage Book N/A, Page N/A, Doc# 97003444, Probate Records of Shelby County, Alabama, does hereby release, remise, quitclaim and convey unto said Mortgagor all its right, title, interest, claim and demand in and to the following described real estate situated in the County of Shelby, State of Alabama, to-wit:

AS DESCRIBED IN SAID MORTGAGE. SEE ATTACHED.

*Instrument#1997-0341

The Mortgage described herein has been paid and satisfied in full.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused these presents to be executed on this the 23 day of April, 2002.

> Home Countri/wide (fka Loans, Inc. Countrywide Funding Corporation)

Nancy Chatelain Its: Assistant Secretary

Attest: By:

Jessica Sanchez

Assistant Secretary Its:

Re-recorded on:

Date: N/A Inst. #: N/A Book: N/A

Page: N/A

State of CALIFORNIA

County of VENTURA

I, the undersigned, a Notary Public, in and for said County and State, hereby certify that Nancy Chatelain and Jessica Sanchez, whose names as Assistant Secretary and Assistant Secretary of Countrywide Home Loans, Inc. (fka Countrywide Funding Corporation) respectively, are signed to the foregoing instrument, and who are known to me, acknowledged before me on this day that being informed of the contents of this instrument, they, as such officers and with full authority executed the same voluntarily for and as the act of such corporation.

GIVEN under my hand and seal of Office this the 23 day of April, 2002.

J. HODGSON Commission # 1300395

Notary Public -- California Ventura County My Comm. Expires Apr 11,2005

J. Hodgson Notary Public

My commission expires 04/11/2005